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Sadat bluff and double bluff

THE political pundits are saying that President Sadat is heating up the Suez front — with words only as of the time of writing — very deliberately in order to give an air of urgency to the Middle East debate he has on the U.N. agenda in a few days. If there is fear of real fighting breaking out both major powers will use their influence to prevent this, and will agree on the passage of a pro-Egyptian resolution to buy off Sadat.

Failing this Russia can "force" a cease-fire on Sadat by threatening to curtail military aid. Honour will have been saved: Sadat will have gone to war, as he promised: it will not be his doing that the fighting was cut short: best of all, if the cease-fire comes fast enough, he will be safe from the danger of leading the Egyptian forces into another defeat. And as Israel will also be interested in getting the fighting stopped again quickly, it is argued, it should be possible to squeeze some concession out of her in exchange for this boon. This is the scenario, in Washington jargon.

The more experienced pundits add that the scheme is a very dangerous one, and that there is no certainty at all that fighting will not escalate before the sluggish great powers come to an agreement, especially now that they must take China into account as well.

A third and better informed analysis of the situation says that Sadat is moving forward blindly in the conviction that he cannot lose. Either the U.N. will give him what he wants, the re-opening of the Suez Canal, the full withdrawal of Israel forces and peace conditions in Egypt, all without the need to make any agreement or commit himself to peace conditions for Israel as well, or failing that, he will order his army to set in motion the new sophisticated amphibious equipment he has received from Russia for crossing rivers, or canals, and making landing attempts from the sea. His forces are tucked behind a formidable array of artillery protected by the best and most advanced missiles the Soviet Union can supply. At the worst the Canal crossing will be abortive and he might lose part of the assault units, for Israel, he believes, would not attempt in its turn to cross the Canal because the forces massed behind are too great. In fact, once Sadat has shown his determination for war he will get what he wants on his own terms. He would become the man who regained the Canal that Nasser lost, and he would thus become invincible on his home ground.

Of course it would not really happen like that. The past weeks of sabre-rattling in Cairo have made it almost impossible for Israel to move from the Canal, which is not easy to cross even with amphibious equipment, and even more impossible to consent to the presence of Egyptian forces on the eastern side now held by Israel. Something that was under serious consideration six months ago has receded into the realm of fantasy. Even the U.S. Department of State, so unwilling to see anything much wrong with the Egyptian attitudes, is now reluctantly admitting that the times do not look propitious for the planned talks in New York.

Far from not being able to lose, Sadat has placed the ultimate obstacle in the way of being able to win.

New Delhi denies report
PAKISTAN SAYS INDIA HAS LAUNCHED WAR

India has launched an all-out offensive against East Pakistan without a formal declaration of war, the Associated Press of Pakistan reported last night.

An Indian Government spokesman in New Delhi categorically denied that India had launched an offensive, and described the Pakistan reports as completely false. He said Indian troops had strict orders not to cross the border.

But Indian news agencies reported that there was a major battle in the Jessore area on Sunday between Pakistani troops and the Bangla Desh freedom force. Tanks had been used, the reports said.

The Pakistan report said that the Indian offensive followed an Indian build-up of 12 infantry divisions all around East Pakistan. It has been preceded by months of "pinprick attacks, as well as minor and major skirmishes."

A Karachi Radio broadcast said that the Indian Army had thrown nine infantry divisions, four mountain divisions and two tank regiments into an attack in the Jessore area of East Pakistan.

The broadcast said that Pakistani troops damaged 18 Indian tanks in Jessore. Indian Mig fighters took part in the Jessore action and, penetrating deep into Pakistani territory, strafed the civilian inhabitants of three villages, killing 79, and injuring 130, the radio reported.

The radio also reported fighting at Sylhet, where an Indian mounted division and some tanks were said to have launched an attack. The Pakistani Army, the radio said, lost 11 troops in this battle, with 16 injured. Indian casualties totalled 58, it added.

It was expected that the Indian Army would open up more fronts on the East Pakistani border in the next 24 hours, the broadcast added.

An Indian spokesman said that four Pakistani Sabre jets intruded into Indian air space near Ranaghat in West Bengal on Sunday. They were chased off by Indian Gnat fighters, but were not hit, he said.

He said that this was the first time that the Indian Air Force had gone into action against Pakistani planes on the eastern borders.

In Washington the State Department said yesterday that it had no information to confirm reports that India has invaded Pakistan.

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

Mr. Mordechai Friedman, general manager of the Netivei Neft oil company (lower left), and geologist David Neev (upper right), were photographed yesterday at the first public session of the Netivei Neft inquiry at the Jerusalem District Court. A full report appears on page 5. (Starphot)

Israel awaits peace mission's message

By YA'ACOV REUEL
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Government leaders here would be interested to hear whatever message the African "peace mission" bring with them from Cairo when they arrive in Jerusalem tomorrow.

The time-table of meetings between the African group and Israeli representatives was changed again yesterday, as the report reached Jerusalem that President Senghor, Gen. Gowon and the Foreign Ministers of Zaire and Cameroun would come in the morning rather than in the afternoon, as previously arranged, and would depart Thursday afternoon and not Friday morning. Again, there was no explanation for the change.

Meetings have been set between the African leaders and Prime Minister Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban for tomorrow afternoon, and Thursday morning.

Political observers in the Capital noted the conspicuous absence of the African peace mission from President Sadat's latest war-threatening speech. This was interpreted as a deliberate slight to the Africans, and at the same time a warning that failure to back Egypt's political demands would result in war.

Although there was little inclination, either in official circles or among observers, to guess the nature of the African plans, the impression gained here was that the proposals worked out in Dakar did not bear out the high hopes which Cairo had originally placed on the O.A.U.'s exercise in Middle East peace-making.

African analysts laid heavy stress on the sense of seriousness and scrupulous fairness with which the African group have conducted their business throughout.

Meir to see Nixon within fortnight

By SAM LIPSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Golda Meir will meet with President Richard Nixon and Secretary of State William Rogers in early December, Israeli sources said in Washington yesterday. A White House confirmation was expected late last night (Israel time).

The meeting with Mr. Nixon was expected to take place before December 5, when the Secretary of State is expected to leave for a visit to Europe. Israel sources said the main purpose of the summit meeting between Mrs. Meir and Mr. Nixon would be to discuss a wide range of political issues, with the question of the Phantoms being only one.

They emphasized that the meeting would have to be seen in a much broader perspective than merely another "shopping list" excursion for arms by Mrs. Meir.

Of particular concern to Mrs. Meir will be the American thinking and preparation for the summit meeting in Moscow next May between Mr. Nixon and Soviet leaders, Israeli sources added.

Russian diplomats in Washington have recently told Jewish leaders that they expect to raise the question of the Middle East during the summit meeting in Moscow.

(Dr. Nahum Goldmann reportedly met with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin in Washington.)

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Big Four may ask China to join Mid-East talks

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Britain hinted yesterday that China might be invited to join the other four permanent members of the Security Council in their private discussion on ways of promoting a Middle East settlement.

"A good deal will depend on whether the Chinese wish to join the search for a settlement and, if so, on what basis," a British delegation spokesman told reporters.

He was questioned about reports that China might be brought into the talks between Britain, France, Russia and the U.S., which have been inactive since early September, but are expected to be revived.

Meanwhile, it is learnt here that Egypt is expected to propose to the General Assembly its Middle East debate that it demand of Israel a positive reply to the request by the U.N.'s Middle East representative, Dr. Gunnar Jarring, for a commitment to withdraw from Arab territory.

Sadat threats: motions in Knesset today

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Sadat's warlike threats will come up in the Knesset this afternoon, when the House discusses nine urgent motions for the agenda and Foreign Minister Abba Eban replies.

Gahal leader Menahem Begin will lead off the motions. The Labour-Mapam Alignment has not tabled a motion. The discordant note will be sounded by the New Communists, who also have a motion.

Jerusalem; Thant says he can't fulfil U.N. mission

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Secretary-General U Thant informed the Security Council yesterday that he had been unable to fulfil its mandate to dispatch a U.N. mission to look into the situation in Jerusalem because Israel failed to accept the proposal.

"It is obvious that the cooperation of the Israel Government is required for such a mission to function usefully," he said.

U Thant said he had proposed to ask representatives of Argentina, Italy and Sierra Leone, all Council members, to form the mission, and their governments accepted.

But there had been "no indication on the part of the Government of Israel of its willingness to comply" with the Council's September 25 resolution proposing the dispatch of U.N. representatives to Jerusalem.

Annexed to yesterday's 11-page document, submitted in response to the Council's request that U Thant report back within 60 days, were letter from him to Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Mr. Eban's response.

In his letter, dated a week ago, Mr. Eban said it was "not the case that an internationally accepted or valid status for Jerusalem has been set aside by anything done in the city since 1967."

Since 1967 all its citizens had their "due voice" in the administration of Jerusalem. "Today, for the first time since 1948, Jerusalem is a city in which Jews and Arabs live together in peace and mingle in their thousands in the daily pursuits of their lives," Mr. Eban said.

Terrorists report Jeddah failure

BEIRUT (Reuter). — A Palestinian terrorist bulletin said here last night that the first meeting in the third and final round of conciliation talks between the Jordanian Government and the terrorist movement in Jeddah yesterday had failed.

The Fatah bulletin accused the Jordanian delegation to the talks of trying "to rob the Palestinian revolution of its right to existence, mobilization and organization."

White House call on cease-fire
U.S. suspends initiative on Canal

By SAM LIPSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The United States is suspending its efforts to bring Israel and Egypt together for indirect negotiations on an interim agreement until after the Middle East debate in the U.N. General Assembly. But the White House yesterday appealed for continuation of the cease-fire.

State Department officials acknowledged the virtual demise of the U.S. initiative after the two weekend "war" speeches by President Sadat. While refusing to respond publicly to the speeches, American officials privately agreed that they were more than rhetoric and represent a significant hardening of Cairo's position.

Rejecting as too extreme suggestions that the U.S. sponsorship of an interim settlement was now "dead," American officials said that recent statements by both Israel and Egypt made it clear that both sides were principally pre-occupied with the outcome of the U.N. debate which starts next week in New York.

Neither side had "closed the door entirely," officials claimed, but they conceded there was no sign of progress. Privately some influential American policy-makers were pessimistic about the possibilities of resuming efforts for an interim agreement, unless there were to be an entirely new initiative, perhaps with Moscow's involvement.

The State Department spokesman, Charles Bray, refused to comment on the Sadat speeches. But officials indicated that there had not been a break in communications between Cairo and Washington as some reports of the Sadat speeches suggested.

The officials said there did not appear to be any significant changes in the disposition of either Egyptian or Israeli forces along the Suez Canal and there was no evidence of any unusual military movement further back from the cease-fire line.

Nevertheless, Deputy White House Press Secretary Gerald Warren said: "The U.S. believes that a continuation of the cease-fire is in the interests of all parties and the U.S. is continuing to seek negotiations towards a settlement of the situation."

He said President Nixon had talked by telephone with Secretary of State William Rogers and conferred in his office with Foreign Affairs Adviser Henry Kissinger.

Meanwhile, a group of Senators is trying to arrange a meeting with Mr. Rogers to press their calls for the sale of Phantom fighter-bombers to Israel. The Congressional pressure on the Administration to approve the sale of the planes mounted following the State Department's disclosure last week that the Soviet Union had sent up to 10 Badger bombers to Egypt.

The meeting with Mr. Rogers was requested by 12 Senators who were chief sponsors of a resolution backed by 78 Senators calling for sale of the Phantoms to Israel in order to maintain the arms balance in the Middle East.

Eban discusses war threats with U.K. envoy

By YA'ACOV REUEL
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The seriousness of the latest escalation of Egyptian war threats against Israel was underscored by Foreign Minister Abba Eban at a meeting with Britain's Ambassador, John Barnes, in Jerusalem yesterday.

The meeting had been requested by the Ambassador, who is leaving for London later this week to help prepare the ground for Mr. Eban's three-day official visit to the British capital, starting November 29. Matters of common interest between the two countries, including the economic impact of Britain's adherence to the Common Market, were taken up.

The Israel view of the current Middle East situation, sources said later, is that President Sadat has placed himself in a tight corner with his recent menacing announcements, and might have difficulty escaping.

Whatever his motives, whether domestic or international or both, his latest exercise in whipped-up belligerence could gravely jeopardize prospects for any peaceful settlement of the conflict. Sadat's ranting should not, however, the sources stressed, be expected to deter Israel from her steady course of seeking a just and lasting peace agreement.

The most authoritative recent statement of British policy in the Middle East is contained in the address by Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home to the General Assembly, where he appealed for a "dialogue" between Israel and the Arab states, and decried "long-range correspondence" as a method of resolving the dispute.

Sir Alec, who will play host to Mr. Eban in London, also told the Assembly that Security Council resolution 242, passed on November 22, 1967, "although it is not perfect, contains the essential ingredients of a settlement."

The resolution, a joint American-British effort, was presented to the Council by the then British Ambassador, Lord Caradon.

Sir Alec's immediate Labour predecessors in his post, Mr. George Brown and Mr. Michael Stewart, pointed out on several occasions that the resolution was not self-implementing, but required negotiations between Israel and the Arab states to bring it to life. They also noted that the resolution referred, in the English text, to Israeli withdrawal from "territories" occupied in the Six Day War — not to "the territories," as read by the Arabs and the Soviets.

In an interview over Israel Broadcasting last night, in connection with the fourth anniversary of resolution 242, the Director-General of Israel's Foreign Ministry, Mr. Gideon Rafael, said there was no question that the central purpose of the Council was to provide for the final settlement, by negotiated agreement, of the entire Israel-Arab dispute, and not, as falsely claimed by the Arabs, to push Israel back to the borders of June 4, 1967. Mr. Rafael was Israel's Ambassador at the United Nations at the time, and took part in the consultations which preceded passage of the resolution.

SECOND ROUND OF TALKS BEGINS
AFRICAN MISSION IN CAIRO

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

President Leopold Senghor of Senegal and Nigerian Head of State Yakubu Gowon arrived yesterday evening in Cairo for the second round of their African peace mission. This appears to be the last mediation bid acceptable to President Anwar Sadat, who declared he had cut off all contacts over Middle East peace negotiations when he ended the U.S. initiative.

The two African leaders, who were greeted at Cairo Airport by President Sadat, were accompanied by the foreign ministers of Cameroun and Zaire as representatives of their presidents who took part in the first round of the mission earlier this month. The Africans held an informal round of talks with Sadat last night.

The African leaders will be presenting — in Cairo today and in Jerusalem tomorrow — the views of a ten-nation African committee named by the Organization of African Unity to mediate in the Middle East crisis.

The current mission was said to hold two official meetings — this morning and this evening. The African leaders will leave Cairo for Jerusalem tomorrow at 9 a.m.

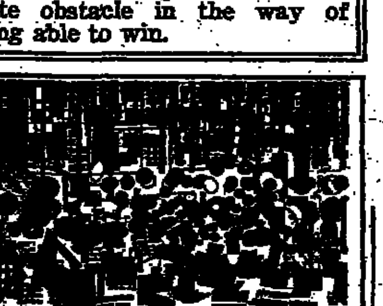
Cairo has been downplaying the O.A.U. mission, and it was thought unlikely that it would produce any dramatic developments. This week, Egypt sends several high-ranking officials to join its U.N. delegation for the General Assembly's debate on the Middle East at the beginning of next month.

Egypt's main aim seems to be the reactivation of the Jarring mission. Cairo has demanded that Israel "reply positively" to Dr. Jarring's February memo before the end of the year "if fighting is to be avoided."

Cairo has been remarkably quiet over the question of the resumption of the Big Four talks. Cairo's "Al-Ahram" said yesterday that China had declined to take part in the Four Power talks when approached by the French delegation, host to the next session of these talks.

In a dispatch from its U.N. correspondent, "Al-Ahram" said that the Chinese made it clear that China could not attend any meeting involving the Security Council's resolution of November 1967 since Peking rejects the resolution altogether.

Meanwhile, Egypt continued its warlike preparations. But reports indicated that no special emergency measures had been taken in Egypt despite the urging of Cairo newspapers to alert the population and build them adequate shelters.



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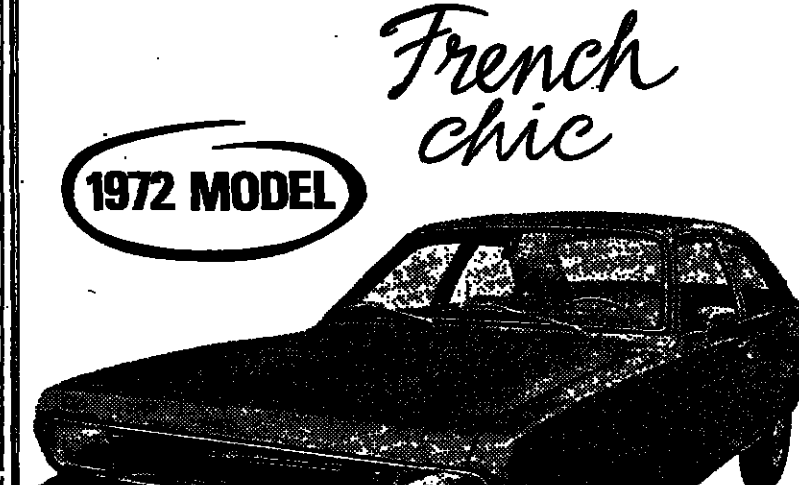

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Social and Personal

Mrs. Miriam Eshkol entertained for lunch yesterday Mesdames Miriam Sacher, Elaine Blond, Carmel Webber, Daphne Sieff and the president of World Wizo, Mrs. Raya Yaglom, all representatives of British Zionist organizations.

On Sunday night, the Foreign Minister and Mrs. Abba Eban gave a dinner in honour of Mrs. Sacher. Among the guests were Lady Sieff, Mrs. Elaine Blond and Mrs. Hanny Gestetner.

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Mr. Nihachiro Hanamura, President of the Employers' Association of Japan, was the guest of Mr. Mark Mosevics, President of the Manufacturers Association, for lunch at the Manufacturers Club in Tel Aviv yesterday. The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Eiji Tokura, was among those present.

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Dr. Raymond K. Appleyard, in charge of the biology programme of the Directorate-General for Industrial, Technological and Scientific Affairs for the commission of the European Communities and Secretary of the European Molecular Biology Organization, on Sunday visited the Weizmann Institute, where he met senior Institute scientists and was a dinner guest of Professor Albert Sabin, President of the Institute. Prof. Sabin also received a delegation of 15 journalists visiting Israel as guests of the United Jewish Appeal.

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The annual meeting of the Israel Association of Management Consultants yesterday elected Mr. Moshe Gertzberg as chairman and Messrs. Y. Eckstein, Y. Duriel, A. Meron and H. Klein as members of the executive.

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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice I. Rappaport of Cleveland, Ohio, dedicated yesterday the Joanne Rappaport-Holtzer Memorial Forest at the John F. Kennedy Forest of the Jewish National Fund.

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Dr. Richard Barta, Editor-in-Chief and Director-General of the Austrian Catholic Press, was last night entertained to dinner at Beit Shalom by the Director General of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, Mr. S. J. Kreutner.

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Mr. J. Snodgrass, the Consul-General of Great Britain in Israel, will lecture on historical sites in Transjordan at this evening's meeting of the Jerusalem Lions Club at the President Hotel at eight o'clock.

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At the Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper next Friday evening, November 26, at Beit Ha'am, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol will speak on "Foreign and Domestic Challenges"; Mr. Dov Yanun, commentator on Arab affairs for the Israel Radio, will speak on "Is Sadat Headed for War?" The moderator will be Mr. Yitzhak Shmueli.

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MEMORIAL

A memorial service was held yesterday, the second anniversary of the death of Ramat Gan Mayor Avraham Krinitzi, at his grave in the Ramat Gan National Park.

French prize for right-wing writer

PARIS (Reuter). — The French author Jacques Laurent was yesterday awarded France's top literary prize, the Prix Goncourt, for his novel "les Betises."

Laurent, 52, well known for his right-wing views, has been one of France's most prolific writers since World War II.

"Les Betises" (The Follies), a 600-page mixture of war fiction and semi auto-biography, has already been selling well.

IF SADAT GOES TO WAR

Syria likely to join fray

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Syrian Army is likely to open up a second front if President Sadat goes to war with Israel.

The Syrians could contribute an additional 210 combat aircraft to the 523 aircraft flown by the Egyptians (figures courtesy of London's Institute of Strategic Studies). They also have one armoured division — part of which took a beating at the hands of the Jordanians earlier this year; 2 divisions of mechanized infantry; 2 regular infantry divisions; 1 battalion of paratroopers and 5 battalions of commandos as well as five regiments of artillery.

The full involvement of Syria could also mean the opening of Syrian airfields to Egyptian aircraft and even the positioning of Frog-7 ground-to-ground missiles on the Syrian territory, carrying 500-kg. warheads.

However, military observers here maintained that the possible involvement of Syria in future hostilities had always been taken into account, even before the loose federation with Egypt was revived. Syria is more vulnerable to Israeli military operations than the other way round. This is particularly true of its capital, Damascus, which lies less than 70 kilometres to the north-east of the Israeli-held Golan Heights. The Syrians are very much aware of this and were, in fact, given a reminder on the night of June 25-26, 1970, when Israeli assault troops battered a terrorist camp within earshot of Damascus.

Apart from the martial rumblings which continued to emanate from Cairo yesterday, the Egyptian front showed no signs of tension. Egyptian soldiers were seen strolling around, unarmed and without their steel helmets. Fishing on the Canal was still a popular pastime and the lookouts, perched on their "high-chairs" ogled each other.

This quiet live-and-let-live atmosphere could be misleading, *The Jerusalem Post* was told. The Egyptian Army has, according to the Institute, a permanent front-line deployment of at least six or seven divisions, each numbering, Russian-style, some 11,000 men. Their presence is backed up by at least 1,000 pieces of artillery, including heavy equipment like the 123-mms. and the "Fat Katya" (not to be confused with the Katyusha) — 203-mm. piece — the pride of the Russian artillery arsenals. There are also about 1,000 tanks under cover in the immediate Canal vicinity. Theoretically the Egyptians could unleash a heavy artillery barrage at short notice and could escalate this to a full-fledged cross-Canal assault within a matter of hours.

Obviously the Egyptian political leadership would like to keep a firm rein on any outbreak of future hostilities — keeping them at modest proportions and no more than will be necessary to save their President's face. But Israel's reaction to any renewed outbreak of a shooting war is unpredictable.

Sadat was warned by Russians against war: Paris paper

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The conservative daily "Figaro" reported yesterday that the Soviet Union has warned President Sadat that there would be no Russian support if he started a war against Israel.

One of France's most experienced journalists, Thierry Desjardins, said in a report from Cairo that he had discovered that 13 Soviet military advisers had recently been expelled from Egypt. The advisers, concerned with the defence of Alexandria Port against air attack, made some scathing remarks about the Egyptian Army at a dinner party.

After their expulsion the Soviet Consul in the city was also replaced.

The correspondent said that a senior Egyptian officer told him: "All I can say is that if 13 Soviet advisers were expelled, there are still 6,987 left in Egypt, and every single one of them makes critical statements about the Egyptian Army."

NO ARAB UNITY

The correspondent said that at this critical period there was still no unity in the Arab world, even where Israel was concerned, and even within the ranks of the Arab Federation of Egypt, Syria and Libya.

"I have learned, without any shadow of a doubt, that despite all public statements, Damascus has refused to permit Egyptian Mig fighters to be based on Syrian airports," he added. Disappointed in Syria, many senior Egyptian officers were disturbed at signs of Russia's lack of enthusiasm for a new war unleashed by President Sadat.

Many officers were convinced that some kind of deal had been concluded between Moscow and Washington, with an agreement by both sides to refrain from supplying offensive weapons like long-range bombers.

Desjardins said that President Sadat's last trip to Moscow was a complete failure, for he was warned not to start a new war. If he did, Kremlin leaders told him, there would be no support from them.

"Le Monde" said in an editorial yesterday that Sadat's statement that Egypt had decided to fight was probably aimed more at winning diplomatic victories than at starting a real war.

The newspaper said that while a limited operation against Israel could not be ruled out, it would be logical for Egypt to use all its diplomatic cards first.

WORLD OPINION

"By dramatizing the situation, President Sadat has apparently tried to gain the attention of world opinion at an important time when he is preparing to meet the African peace envoys, Presidents Senghor and Gowon. He is also due to meet Marshall Tito soon and a U.N. debate on the Middle East is scheduled to open at the beginning of December at Egypt's request."

"Le Monde" said that Sadat's statements may have been an attempt to pave the way for a General Assembly resolution favourable to Egypt which would allow him to relaunch negotiations without losing face.

"While too many unknown factors still remain with only a few days to go before the U.N. debate, can Mr. Sadat take the risk of moving hastily from words to action and embarking on an ill-considered adventure? It is hard to believe such a thing," the newspaper concluded.

Ulster hotel is bombed

BELFAST. — Gunmen bombed a hotel yesterday at Dungiven in County Tyrone causing extensive damage, a police spokesman reported. There were no reported casualties.

Two men with guns planted the bomb in the three-storey Northland Arms Hotel, giving the staff and guests four minutes to get out, the spokesman said. All made it only seconds before the bomb exploded, hurling masonry and windows into the street and touching off a fire that raced through the hotel, which opened a year ago after complete reconstruction.

It was the second hotel fire in Northern Ireland in 24 hours. Two firemen died on Sunday battling a blaze in Londonderry's Melville Hotel which security officials said may have been caused by a bomb

More than 200 troops and police raided houses in County Londonderry yesterday in search of hidden arms, an Army spokesman said.

He said at least 14 men were arrested during the swoop, which began before dawn and continued throughout the morning. It brought to 27 the number of those arrested in similar operations over the past 24 hours.

Meanwhile, the British Army offered "absolutely no comment" yesterday on a denunciation of its interrogation methods by the spiritual leader of Northern Ireland's Roman Catholic minority, a spokesman said. *(AP, UPI)*

Israel will hit harder than in 1967—Gavish

Aluf (Res.) Yeshayahu Gavish, former Commander of the Southern Front, warned President Sadat that Israel would strike much harder than in the Six Day War if he carried out his threats to resume fighting.

Aluf Gavish told Israel Broadcasting: "Our position is the best we have ever had... if war breaks out, we will win through a decisive blow."

He added: "I also believe that the Egyptians are well aware that their position is much weaker than on the eve of the Six Day War."

Aluf Gavish said Israel must always take Arab threats seriously. "They really aim at doing what they say: the question is whether they are able to.

"Our position is the best we have ever had. We are sitting within secure borders, very far from the population centres, along natural obstacles such as the anti-tank ditch afforded by the Canal, and very close to Egyptian bases.

"The initial point of departure for a war is the best Israel has ever had. If war breaks out our prospects are better than ever. If we remember our three previous victories and if we remember that Israel's strength has increased in the past two years more than in any comparable period, then we are ready to strike much harder."

Lebanon shows off its arms

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanon yesterday celebrated its 28th anniversary of independence with a 30-minute military parade in which French-made, surface-to-air Crotale missiles were displayed for the first time. The missiles were originally made for South Africa.

Twenty-five of them were shown in the parade, the first Lebanon has held since the Six Day War.

President Suleiman Franjieh watched the parade from a huge Arabesque tent while token units representing ground, sea and air forces marched past. Field guns, anti-aircraft guns and armoured vehicles were shown to cheering crowds while French-built Mystere and Fouga Magister planes swooped overhead.

West's oil chiefs see Gulf producers

VIENNA (AP). — Representatives of Western oil firms have began crucial talks with Persian Gulf oil-producing countries which demand a price increase for financial losses which they claim have been incurred by what they call the "*de-facto* devaluation" of the dollar and the ensuing monetary crisis.

Gulf State oil ministers and top executives of the concession-holding firms decided at a meeting in Teheran on November 9 to entrust a committee of monetary and financial experts of both sides to seek a compromise formula.

WESTERN SOURCES REPORT

Egypt assembles largest assault force since D-Day

By K.C. THALER

LONDON (UPI). — Egypt has assembled the largest assault force since the Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied Europe for a crossing of the Suez Canal, Western intelligence sources said yesterday. They added, however, that without mastery of the air any attempt at crossing the waterway into Sinai would be "hazardous in the extreme."

The other decisive factor, they said, is the question of whether Russia is ready to enter the battle directly.

Egypt has five divisions in the first front line of her side of the Canal, with up to 100,000 more troops in depth behind the front, the reports said.

Their equipment is second to none and in some instances superior to most, the Russians having supplied both quantity and quality, the reports added. Much Soviet advice has accompanied their deployment.

An array of tanks is complemented by the latest amphibious craft, bridge-building equipment and telescoping bridges, the reports said.

On present indications it is the largest armada since the Allies readied for their crossing to the Normandy beaches in World War II.

Egypt also has vast numbers of planes and anti-aircraft defences, including ground-to-air missiles of the SAM-2, SAM-3 and now also SAM-4 type.

But Israel still has supremacy in the air, and air superiority is certain to prove decisive in the end if Egypt begins its threatened crossing of the Canal, the report said.

They also said Israel's defences on her side of the Canal have also been heavily reinforced and brought up to date. The Bar-Lev line is probably one of the most effective known defence barriers since World War II, the report added.

Barring some totally new and unforeseen element of surprise or the appearance of new weapons systems, any new large-scale war in the Middle East will almost certainly be tough and costly to both sides.

Egyptian losses in the event of a crossing without complete air superiority were expected to be "tremendous," but Israeli losses also would probably be considerable, the reports predicted.

According to latest information, the reports said, the Russians have supplied impressive quantities of amphibious equipment, including water-fording tanks and troop carriers and landing craft of various types, many more advanced than those Moscow has so far given its East European allies.

There is no clear indication as to whether Egypt has operational ground-to-ground missiles.

BID TO HALT VIETCONG THREAT

Saigon troops cross into Cambodia

SAIGON. — Six battalions of South Vietnamese airborne troops crossed into Cambodia yesterday and thousands more massed along the border for a new invasion aimed at ending a communist threat against the Cambodian capital.

Field reports said that the six battalions — about 5,000 men — moved into Cambodia to reinforce South Vietnamese troops who have been operating there since the invasion last year.

The battle area around Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, was reported quiet yesterday.

Strict security surrounded the invasion, and the South Vietnamese military command maintained an official silence.

The main South Vietnamese thrust will be along Highway Seven leading from the capital of this border province of Tay Ninh to Kong Chom in Cambodia and then on to Phnom Penh, sources said.

Military sources said the initial thrust into Cambodia involved seven battalions of some 5,000 troops backed by tanks, but during the next week another 10,000 troops would join the attack.

The main North Vietnamese sanctuaries in Cambodia, which were the target of the May 1970 incursion, lie between Highways One and Seven and extend over several hundred square miles of light jungle country beginning 80 miles north-west of Saigon.

American military sources emphasized that this year's incursion would be "a solely Vietnamese affair." Eighteen months ago a joint force of 40,000 American and South Vietnamese troops attacked the sanctuaries.

However, American helicopters would be used to rescue wounded South Vietnamese, and U.S. war planes would support the attack, the sources said.

American B-52 bombers flew into Cambodian territory yesterday and dropped big bomb-loads in several areas to clear base camps for the advancing South Vietnamese forces.

U.S. planes have partly prepared the way for the South Vietnamese attack by almost daily bombing of the area for the past week.

Convoys kilometres long travelled from Saigon into staging areas near the border yesterday carrying barbed wire, artillery pieces, thousands of cases of shells and ammunition and truckloads of troops.

The invasion begins at approximately the same time that supplies begin arriving for Communist troops via the Ho Chi Minh trail. *(AP, UPI, Reuter)*

Jeep-mounted Crotale missiles—and white doves—were on view when the Lebanese Army paraded in Beirut yesterday during the country's 28th independence anniversary celebrations. (AP radiophoto)

Cairo's planned pipeline from Suez to Med. runs into trouble

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

The $250m. Suez-Mediterranean (Sumed) pipeline deal between Egypt and a European consortium has run into serious difficulties — mainly because of the uncertain political atmosphere generated by Cairo's current war-like stance.

A final contract should have been signed by the end of last month, but talks, ostensibly on financing details, are still being held and it is already clear the original deadline for the completion of the pipeline (end of 1973) will not be met. The hitch may have even more serious consequences than just a delay of a few months, for the oil companies expected to use the pipeline may insist on renegotiating the present agreement in view of rapidly changing prices and market conditions.

While, on the face of it, the current talks are concerned with financing terms, the real issue is the political uncertainty which must be taken into account in operating the pipeline. Because the oil companies are hesitant to commit themselves, the Egyptians are keen to get the contract for building the pipeline safely signed. In order to accomplish this they require a guarantee for the risks involved from the countries participating in the project, mainly Britain, France and Germany.

If such insurance is not forthcoming, the consortium will not finance the project. However, the insurance experts are reluctant to commit themselves as long as the oil companies have not contracted to use the Sumed pipeline despite possible risks.

In addition, the financing consortium insists that the revenue collected from the oil pumped through the pipeline must be paid into a Swiss bank account, which would retain an emergency reserve. This would cover eventualities such as interruption of pumping by Egypt for political reasons or blowing up of the pipeline by Israel. They feel the reserve must be big enough to secure the project's interest and repayment charges for at least one, perhaps even two years.

Moreover, the consortium wants to retain control of all the revenue in order to supervise the pipeline's operational costs.

Egypt is opposed to such stiff terms. As a result, the future of the project, intended to handle up to 80m. tons of oil a year and to provide a gross annual revenue of over $100m. is still uncertain.

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'Concession' in Smith talks

SALISBURY. — The Rhodesian regime made an undisclosed concession yesterday to keep alive the current talks with Britain and keep the door open to a possible settlement of the six-year dispute over Salisbury's unilateral declaration of independence, diplomatic sources said here. Meanwhile at the U.N. yesterday, the General Assembly, overriding Britain's objections, commended that independence be denied to Rhodesia until there is majority rule in the country.

The Salisbury sources said only that the concession was the result of a "certain decision" by Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith's regime and that it averted a deadlock. No details were available. The move came at the start of a second week of talks between a Rhodesian team and a British delegation headed by Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home. Sir Alec yesterday sent one of his negotiators, Martin Le Quesne, home to London to receive further instructions from Prime Minister Edward Heath. On his arrival in London, Mr. Le Quesne said the outcome of the Salisbury talks was uncertain. "I am not a gambling man," he told newsmen. "I would like to bet on it either way."

At the General Assembly, Britain, South Africa and Portugal voted against the anti-Smith resolution, called up from the Assembly's decolonisation committee. A total of 102 countries voted for it and there were nine abstentions.

The Assembly reaffirmed the principle that there should be no independence before majority rule in Rhodesia, and that any settlement there must be worked out with the "fullest participation of all nationalist leaders" and be freely endorsed by the people. *(UPI, Reuter)*

Soviet passes 5-year plan

MOSCOW (UPI). — The all-powerful Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party yesterday approved a new budget and five-year plan and then called a nightlong session to hear a foreign-policy speech by Leonid Brezhnev, Communist sources said.

The sources said the 396-member committee heard a lengthy report on the budget and plans for the coming years. They said the meeting may continue today or the session might have ended by last night.

The committee has not met since April, when it held a formal organizational meeting following its election. Among its 396 members are most of the key figures in industry, government and the armed forces. They constitute the political base of Soviet politics, and it is in the secret General Committee meeting that all major decisions are made.

The general outlines of the five-year plan were laid down earlier by Premier Alexei Kosygin and sources said little would be changed by the Central Committee. Kosygin plan called for a $565.00[illegible] investment during the 1971-75 period with 70 per cent devoted to heavy industry.

Assad commutes death sentence

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — President Hafez al-Assad has issued a decree annulling a death sentence against Michel Aflaq, founder of the Baath Socialist Party.

Aflaq was sentenced to death in his absence on charges of plotting against the regime.

Four other former political leaders who were sentenced to death in their absence had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment. They included Lt.-Gen. Amin al-Hafez, Syrian Head of State from 1963 to 1966, who is now living in exile.

Another 28 people who were sentenced to various prison terms were pardoned and would be released, it was officially announced last night.

Syria says danger point reached

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — Egypt has become "the decisive factor" to force Israel to recognize Arab rights and for the recovery of occupied territory, a commentary over Syrian-run Damascus Radio said yesterday.

International efforts to force Israel to carry out the Security Council November 1967 resolution had failed and the situation had reached a danger point, the commentary said.

"The Arab people, backed by world opinion, face only one alternative and one method — fighting until liberation and victory," it added.

Blizzards, gales sweep Europe

LONDON (AP). — Blizzards and gales swept Western Europe for the third successive day yesterday. An unseasonable blizzard blanketed most of Denmark and southern Sweden, isolating many farms and villages, stranding thousands of motorists and closing several provincial airports.

TWO TOURISTS — American Baruch Bronsick, 21, and Colombian Charles Rappoport, 18 — were fined IL1,500 in Acre Magistrates Court for possessing narcotics. They were staying at Kibbutz Gesher Haziv.

Shocked by the sudden death of my beloved husband, our father, grandfather and brother

HAIM HAIMSON

of Ashkelon.

The funeral leaves today, Tuesday, November 23, 1971, 3.30 p.m. from Shaare Zedek Hospital to the Givat Shaul cemetery, Jerusalem.

The bereaved family.

The Organization and Information Department of the World Zionist Organization

share the grief of Haim Shachter and the family on the death of their father

Rabbi YAACOV SHACHTER ז"ל

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In deep sorrow we announce the death of the head of our family

GUSTAV POLLAK

The funeral leaves today, Tuesday, November 23, 1971, 12 noon, from the Municipal funeral parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, to the Holon cemetery.

The bereaved family

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WALTER JEHOSCHUA SCHUER ז"ל

The funeral has already taken place.

The bereaved family

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs
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DAVID EPHRATI
Consul-General of Israel
(Montreal, Canada)
who mourns the death of his

MOTHER ז"ל

SADAT'S THREATS WORRY AMERICA

WASHINGTON. (Reuter). — U.S. officials are concerned at the tone of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's week-end speeches threatening to resume fighting with Israel.

Secretary of State William Rogers was kept closely in touch with developments in the Middle East over the week-end, according to State Department officials.

The U.S. Government refrained from any public comment on President Sadat's statement, pending clarification and in order to avoid inflaming the situation, but officials expressed concern privately.

Of particular concern to State Department officials were President Sadat's statements that Egypt had lost confidence in the U.S. as a mediator, and contacts with Washington on a solution to the Middle East crisis have been cut off.

Washington diplomats were in perplexity. They did not know if President Sadat's threats were to be taken at face value or were merely part of a war of words between the two sides in the crisis. Some observers believed they were designed to make Egypt's position clear on the eve of next month's Middle East debate in the U.N.

In Cairo, yesterday, the President's warnings of the danger of war came amid preparations for battle.

Street lighting in the capital was dimmed—although there was no immediate word whether this was part of the civil defence measures, or due to some technical trouble. The blackout put into effect at the time of the Six Day War has never been lifted but in recent times has not been rigidly enforced.

The authorities have also decided to provide all foreign currency needed for civil defence equipment and to have an undersecretary in each ministry solely responsible for civil defence.

'Times' takes it seriously

In London, "The Times" said yesterday that President Sadat's announcement that Egypt was ready for battle with Israel was too dangerous to be simply "brushed aside."

In an editorial, "The Times" said: "Even if he were adopting a posture for the benefit of the forthcoming U.N. discussion of the problem, or to bring some final pressure on the Americans, or any other calculated intervention... he might find he had compromised himself beyond withdrawal in his own countrymen's eyes.

"The dangers are too visible and too sharply pointed simply to be brushed aside.

"They are underlined by an apparent loss of confidence between the Americans and the Russians since the Russians have now delivered aircraft to Cairo just after the Americans had publicly welcomed their restraint over arms deliveries."

The editorial continued: "If the common desire of the Americans and the Russians to keep the peace is weakened by circumstance or misunderstanding, then the most critical point since 1967 between Egypt and Israel might now be signalled."

"... Mrs. Golda Meir wants to go to Washington to make her case the more urgently, while President Sadat's publicly proclaimed loss of confidence in the Americans must at the very least mean a stiffer attitude towards any proposals they make.

"Hopes must remain that the Russians and the Americans will still act in concert to keep the peace.

"If this confidence has now been shaken by Russian deliveries of aircraft, what hope is there that the U.N. as a forum will produce anything more than partisan argument, or that a fresh initiative could now be made by the four powers, including Britain and France?

"Even if the week-end words need not be taken as announcing immediate doom, they could be dangerous in stirring up passions, and the war machines could begin moving," concluded "The Times."

U.S. diplomats perplexed — George Bush, Ambassador to the U.N., and aides.

Swedish study reveals

U.S.S.R. now major arms merchant

By ANDREW WILSON

LONDON (Ofns).— A MAJOR shift from the United States to the Soviet Union as the chief supplier of arms to the countries of the Third World is described in a massive report published today by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

The report, documented with thousands of figures, says that over the past 20 years the U.S. has been the dominant supplier, followed by the Soviet Union. These two countries accounted for two-thirds of total deliveries. Britain comes next, and then France — the two being responsible for more than one-fifth of total delivery.

But the same 20-year period has witnessed a change in the pattern of arms supplies, in which the most important aspect is the declining share of America in the market, and the increase in the share of Russia. In the first half of the 1950s, the U.S. accounted for 40 per cent of the total. From then on the American share in the total fell, and the actual volume of U.S. supplies, excluding Vietnam, was only slightly higher in the second half of the 1960s than in the second half of the 1950s.

This was despite a steady increase in the total volume of arms deliveries to the Third World, amounting to about 10 per cent a year on the average.

The report says one reason for the declining U.S. share in the total volume was the increased emphasis placed on guerrilla warfare. This caused an increase in the quantity of counter-insurgency weapons supply, and a levelling off in the supply of sophisticated weapons.

The supply of advanced weapons may also have been discouraged by a change in the terms under which weapons were supplied to developing countries during the 1960s. During the 1950s, nearly all arms supplied by America to developing countries were free. During the 1960s there was an increased emphasis on the sale of arms.

Until last year the Soviet Union's major weapons supplies were increasing very fast, says the Institute. The main increase was after 1955, when Russia began supplying arms to the Middle East. Since then, the number of developing countries which have received Russian weapons has reached a total of 29.

By the second half of the 1960s, the Soviet Union was supplying more major weapons to Third World countries than was the U.S. The peak was reached in 1967, with Russia's replacement of Arab losses in the June war. Over a third of Soviet major weapons supplies have gone to the Middle East.

The report says that Britain was still an important supplier of major weapons in the 1950s, but was much less important in the following decade. America and Russia replaced Britain as the main supplier in many of its traditional arms markets in previously dependent territories in Asia and the Middle East.

From France to Pretoria

France, on the other hand, increased its annual average from $17m. in 1950-54 to $74m. in 1965-70. This includes the large proportion of French arms supplied to South Africa after the British embargo of 1964. France has also entered the Latin American market after attempts by the U.S. to discourage Latin American countries from buying sophisticated weapons.

The Institute says 70 per cent of all major weapons supplies have gone to the Middle East and Asia in the past 20 years. The Middle East has accounted for a quarter of total supplies since 1950, and the Far East, including Vietnam, nearly a further third. The Indian Subcontinent has absorbed about 15 per cent of the total.

Supplies to the Middle East and Vietnam have also shown a vast and steady increase, according to the Institute's figures. In the Middle East the yearly trend rate of growth since 1950 has been 15 per cent. And in Vietnam major weapon imports in the second half of the 1960s were 24 times higher than in the second half of the 1950s.

SIPRI is an international institute for research into problems of peace and conflict, with particular attention to the problems of disarmament and arms regulation. It was set up as an independent foundation in 1966 by the Swedish Government. While the funds for the Institute are provided by the Swedish Parliament, it is governed by an international board and has an international research staff.

Turkish President denies army to take over power

ANKARA (AP). — Turkish President Cevdet Sunay has dismissed mounting rumours that Turkey's armed forces are planning a direct takeover of power in the country.

Fears of such a military move, similar to the colonels' *coup d'etat* in Greece, have been increasing recently. They have mounted in direct proportion to the opposition of conservative politicians to radical reforms proposed by the army-sponsored government of Premier Nihat Erim.

"It won't happen," President Sunay, a former general, told the Associated Press in an interview. Mr. Sunay also denied reports that there had been pressure from the U.S. to keep the military from intervening in politics as they did last March. At that time, they toppled conservative Premier Suleyman Demirel.

Some Turkish sources reported that U.S. officials expressed concern at Turkish military involvement in politics, noting that military aid to Nato-partner Greece is threatened because of similar involvement there.

However, he said, the Turkish military "has the duty of making itself felt in times of critical importance."

Mr. Sunay appointed Dr. Erim after the March 12 communique, signed by the top commanders, threatened a full military takeover if a new government were not formed "above party politics" to stop urban terrorism and carry out reforms.

Technocrats in charge

The major parties, mostly conservative, reluctantly contributed ministers to the Erim Cabinet which is dominated by technocrats, some of them moderate leftists.

Mr. Sunay said martial law, now in effect in 11 provinces, would continue "at least until spring 1972." He said, "Terrorists still are being captured. It is difficult to catch them under normal conditions.

"The Erim Government has put an end to anarchy and terrorism," Mr. Sunay said.

The wrecked baggage of Zurich's main railway station after a bomb exploded in one of the lockers on Sunday night. (AP)

Swiss rebel bombs station

ZURICH (Reuter). — A 47-year-old man who said he hated the police and the Swiss authorities admitted planting a bomb which injured 14 people in Zurich's main railway station during Sunday night.

A police spokesman said the man, who was not named, gave himself up soon after the bomb went off in a luggage locker, injuring 14 people of whom four were taken to hospital.

The injuries, caused by flying glass and debris, were not serious. The bomb shattered hundreds of windows and caused damage estimated at about £100,000.

Numeiry seeks new friends

By ROBERT STEPHENS

KHARTOUM (Ofns). — THREE months after the defeat of the attempted Communist takeover in the Sudan, General Gaafar el-Numeiry's regime is ready for an important change in policy to achieve closer ties with the West and less reliance on the Soviet bloc. At the same time, conscious of the Sudan's position as the hinge between the Arab world and Africa, and its effect on relations inside the country between the Arab north and the African south, General Numeiry has been trying to improve relations with the African States, especially neighbouring Ethiopia.

Following the recent visit here by the West German envoy, Mr. Wishensky, the Sudan is believed to be ready to resume relations with Bonn as soon as the way is cleared by an Arab League decision or a similar move by Egypt.

The Sudanese are looking to West Germany and Italy as the most promising sources of Western aid and trade as they seek to reduce their economic dependence on the Communist countries, which grew during the two years before the July coup. To finance their current five-year development plan, the Sudanese need about £120 million in foreign loans. At present their biggest single source of foreign exchange is their trade agreement with Russia by which Moscow buys a quarter of the Sudan's cotton crop and other goods to a total of £16 million a year. In return the Sudan is supposed to take Russian goods worth £12 million and the balance in sterling. This agreement has not been openly denounced by the Sudan Government but in practice it is likely to be reduced in scale provided the Sudan can find other markets for its cotton. For technical as well as financial reasons, however, the Sudan is likely to remain dependent for some time on Russia for military supplies.

The Sudan is also looking to Britain for help. As a first encouraging response the British Government has promised to guarantee export credits for up to £10 million for Sudanese purchases. But there is still an uncleared obstacle to British trade and investment in the unsettled claims for compensation for British firms nationalized last year. Claims total £28 million, though some of the firms concerned are reported to be ready for a compromise by which compensation would be reinvested in the Sudan.

The shift towards a more pro-Western attitude here has been so marked that some Western diplomats are even worried that Numeiry might be going too fast in this direction, risking reaction from Sudanese opinion.

Khartoum and North Sudan now appear quiet after the recent upheaval. The capital has a leisurely and quite unrevolutionary air. But several hundreds of people arrested after the abortive coup are believed to be still in jail, and informed opinion here is divided about how far the once-powerful Sudanese Communist Party and trades union movement has managed to survive the decimation of its leadership. In Khartoum University, which has now reopened after a six months' closure, the most militant political groups in the student body are reputed still to be the Communists and right-wing Muslim Brothers, but so far the University has been quiet.

Ties with U.S.

There is little doubt that General Numeiry would also like to resume diplomatic relations with the United States, but feels inhibited by the continuation of the Arab-Israeli conflict and American support for Israel. The Middle East conflict and the fear of a renewed war are the biggest threats to Numeiry's policies of turning more to the West and to Africa, and so also to his hopes of restoring national unity between North and South. If President Sadat of Egypt is discredited either by his failure to secure peace with Israel or a new military defeat, Numeiry's position as an Arab Socialist leader with a more Western alignment seems bound to be weakened.

The Sudanese believe the Israelis are giving the Anyanya separatists in the south help in arms and training through Ethiopia and Uganda. The Ethiopians in turn say the Sudan has been helping the guerrillas of the Eritrean Liberation Front inside Ethiopia.

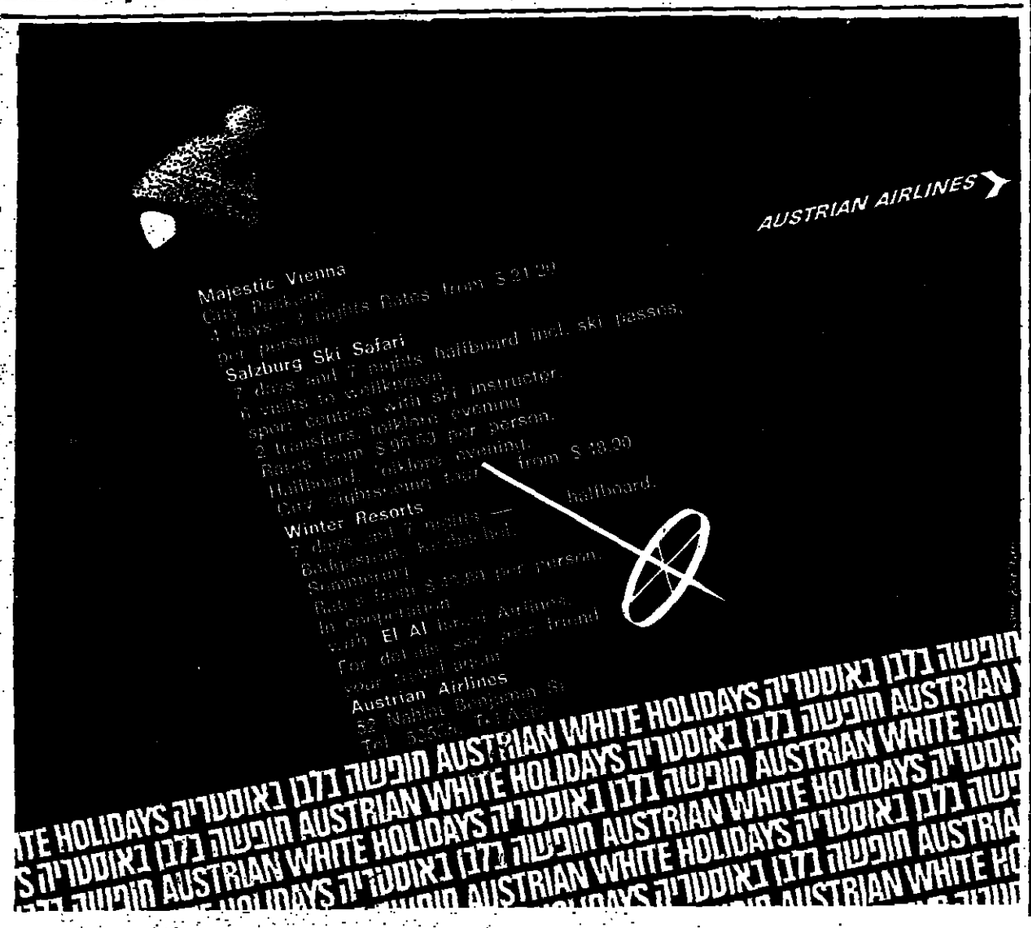
In a visit to Ethiopia recently, Numeiry made a new attempt to reach agreement with Emperor Haile Selassie on mutual non-interference across the borders. At the same time a more vigorous attempt is being made to reach a settlement with the Southerners on the basis of regional autonomy. There are now two Southern Ministers in the central Government and three regional commissioners in the South are also now Southerners. The chief Minister for Southern Affairs and one of the two vice-presidents, Alu Aleir, left two weeks ago for Ethiopia on what was intended to be a discreet unpublicized visit with the Anyanya leaders there.

The regime is hopeful that the still smouldering rebellion in the border areas of the South will gradually die down as the Southerners are given a bigger say in deciding their political future and in handling the economic and social development programme.

New N.P.D. head vows moderation

BONN (Reuter). — The National Democratic Party (N.P.D.), often assailed as neo-Nazi by its critics, will continue to operate within the bounds of parliamentary democracy, its newly elected chairman, Martin Mussgnug, said on Sunday.

Mr. Mussgnug, 35, an attorney from Baden-Wuerttemberg, said he would carry on the "moderate" policies of the party founder and previous chairman, Adolf von Thadden, who announced his resignation unexpectedly Saturday at the N.P.D. Fifth Party Congress.



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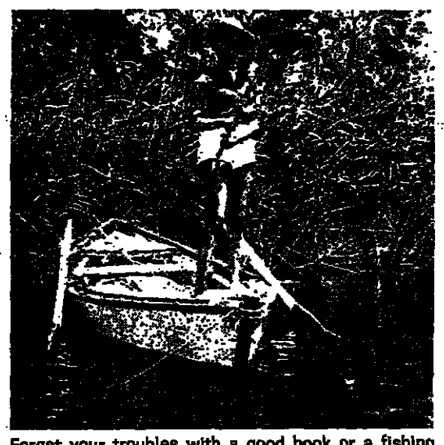

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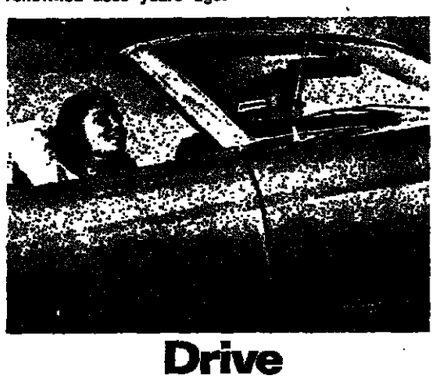

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BUSINESS COMMENT by Moshe Ater
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

Politicking mars economic thinking

THE Knesset Finance Committee is to be congratulated on its refusal to toe the official line and allow the government to pour another IL12m. into the bankrupt Autocars concern. The IL3m. loan which it approved has been expressly earmarked for wages. And Mr. Sapir's plea to let the loan carry a reduced interest rate was rejected.

The Government's stand in this case is difficult to interpret. Just a fortnight ago negotiations on the consolidation of Autocars broke down after the Government said it could not continue to finance the company: it insisted that at least half the funds required to rescue Autocars be provided by British Leyland, its effective — though not formal — parent. Now that Leyland has thrown in the sponge, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Treasury, are ready to provide the wherewithal. Funds which could not be provided to a going business concern with at least a prospect of lasting franchise ties with a major producer abroad are now offered a company under receivership, with its future cloudy, its supply base uncertain, and the protective tariff upon which it was dependent being increasingly called into question.

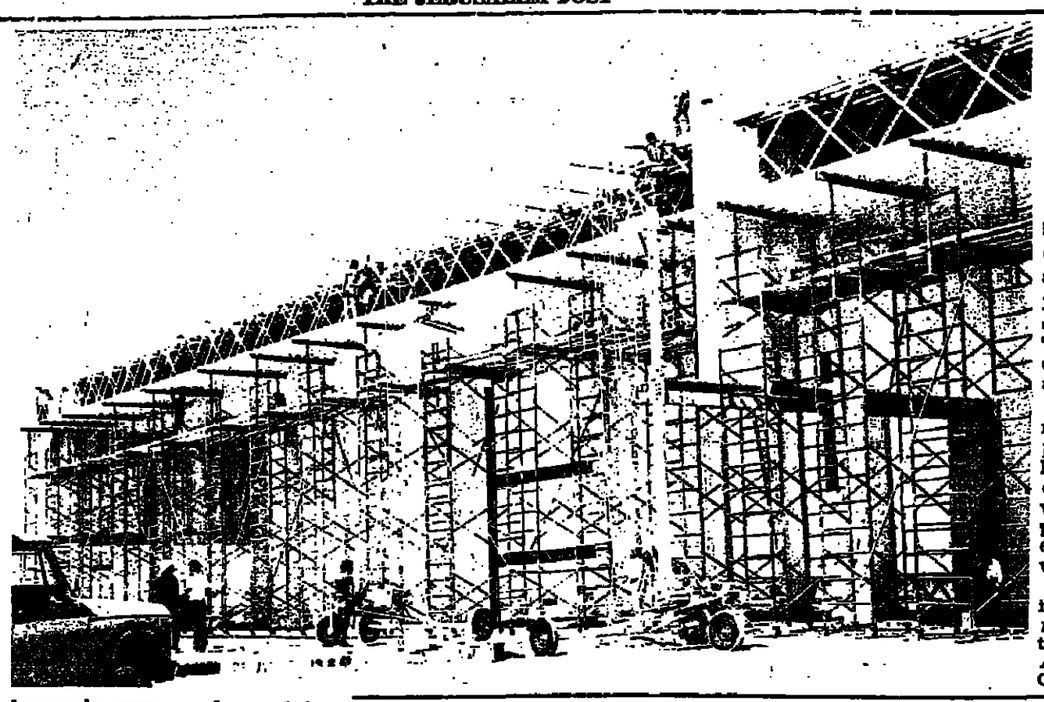
But it is not only the business aspects which are puzzling. It is certain that Mr. Sapir does not enjoy throwing good public money after bad. Neither can he much value the advantage of keeping Autocars intact while the mess inside is sorted out.

His readiness to foot the bill here — while preaching "cuts to the bones" in public spending elsewhere — is not economics but politics, or the pressure of the Haifa Labour Council, which has always played the role of patron to the TIL and Autocars plants. Though the Council has now agreed to some dismissals in the TIL factory, it made this conditional on continued work there for the rest of the employees, irrespective of economic considerations. Mr. Sapir's readiness to support this attitude hardly indicates a firm economic policy.

The point is of particular interest in the context of Autocars in view of the harmful impact which trade union pressure has already had on that company. Had Autocars not taken over Ilin Industries — (named TIL), for which it paid a vastly inflated price — it would hardly have bogged down this way. The takeover was virtually forced upon it by a government anxious to avoid the closure of a redundant plant and ready to provide lavish credits in order to keep it going.

Even at that time it was argued — and by some Histadrut managers — that by yielding to vested interests the government was doing a disservice to the economy which could absorb those workers in more essential and productive jobs. It goes without saying that this reasoning is even more appropriate now.

It has again been suggested that the plant be converted to other production: but would the receivership succeed in that better than Mr. Shubinsky, who was bent upon the same aim? In any case that purpose will hardly be achieved without additional investments and substantial write-offs. There is therefore every reason to clear the way for a new start instead of sweeping losses under the carpet and using the public purse to prop up failing enterprises to the bitter end — and beyond.



Agrexco's new warehouse being built at Lod Airport will cover 5,000 square metres, and should be finished in March, after only 170 work days. The structure is being built by a pre-fabricated method, which is said to cost only one-third to one-half as much as conventional building methods and to take only half the construction time. The method, developed by the Behein Company of Nebraska, uses a system based on steel girders, covered by thin sheets of corrugated steel, and is being introduced locally by the sole agents, Intradco. Because of the use of standardized methods, only one engineer is needed and the remaining workers are unskilled. (Starphot)

Israel Aircraft has 32% share in resale firm

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Israel Aircraft Industries will have a 32 per cent share in a new company which is purchasing 13 second-hand Boeing 707 passenger jets from TWA with the aim of overhauling and then reselling them. The I.A.I. will carry out the reconditioning work on the planes, which are costing a total of $6m.

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday agreed to I.A.I.'s participation in the project, after hearing that the re-sale of only eight of the reconditioned planes would already cover the cost of purchase and overhaul, and that every plane sold above that number would be clear profit.

The other partners in the projects include Mr. Shaul Eisenberg, the millionaire Tokyo businessman, and two American firms — Incorporated Aircraft and the Atlantic Pacific Corporation.

Swedish financier Marc Wallenberg, who committed suicide on Friday. An official of the Enskilda Bank said Wallenberg had taken his life because the burden of his work had become too heavy. (AP)

SHIKUN OVDIM DEFENDS NEW POLICY

Luxury housing is like an export

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Why should we build second homes for well-to-do Americans, and others, when there is a housing shortage in Israel? The answer is simple. These second homes are export items. No other exports are being stopped, nor will they be stopped, if there is a shortage in Israel." Thus Mr. Avraham Ofer, director-general of Shikun Ovdim, the Histadrut-affiliated housing company, explains his company's policy.

"We plan to build 10,000 such apartments in the next few years. If each one sells for an average of $40,000, then we will have exported goods valued at $400m., with an added value of 85 per cent. The best part of this type of export," he says. "is that the "export" never leaves Israel: the opposite is true, it brings in thousands of families and strengthens their ties with Israel."

Shikun Ovdim is building the flats in partnership with Solel Boneh, Clal, Rubinstein, and Goodwirth, all building contracting firms.

The flats vary in price and size, but one in "the very exclusive residential area of Tel Aviv, Sderot David Hamelech, will cost from $40,000 to $60,000.

Of the first 120 flats planned, 60 have already been sold. These flats will each have four bedrooms, and will have a total floor space of about 150 square metres.

Other flats being built by Shikun Ovdim and its partners in Tel Aviv will go for $40,000 to $45,000 (opposite Beit Hehayal), and for as low as $20,000-$30,000 in other parts of Tel Aviv. In other parts of the country, in Beersheba, for example, a large flat will cost only $20,000 to $25,000.

So far, only 500 "second home" flats have been started. According to the present plans, some 3,000 will be built in South Netanya, along the beach; about 200 in the "L" zone, near the Country Club; some 1,500 in Jerusalem where the site has not yet been fixed; some 1,000 on the French Carmel in Haifa, about 2,000 in Ramat Efal, near Hashomer; 500 in Tel Aviv, 50-100 in Beersheba, and 50-100 in Ashdod.

Purchasers can get a mortgage covering 50 per cent of the cost: the mortgage is for 10 years (on average) and at 10 per cent interest (on average). They must pay 20-25 per cent of the cost in a down payment when buying the home and 25-30 per cent before taking possession.

"We are doing everything possible to cater to American tastes," he said. "We have brought in several teams, both American and Canadian, with their equipment, to help us build the flats."

It appears, judging by American standards, that the Israeli styles and methods are of a high standard in some cases: of low standard in others.

For example, all Israeli apartment houses have stone-lined (generally marble) staircases, even if they have lifts. In the U.S., the "staircase is the fire escape," if the building has a lift. On the other hand, the "entrance hall" to a building in the U.S. will be ornate and spacious: in Israel, it is apt to be very modest.

Asked if Shikun Ovdim, as an affiliate of the Histadrut, doesn't find it strange to be building "luxury flats," Mr. Ofer pointed out that Shikun Ovdim during the major part of its life concentrated on building for the "middle classes — veterans of the Histadrut, clerks, first-line workers or foremen," generally in the cities and towns.

In the past few years, the company has changed its policies and today, it builds for three distinct classes. The first is the upper class (about 20 per cent of its flats), and these go to Israelis who are members of the "upper working class, engineers, professionals, judges, magistrates and journalists. Such flats are about 120 square metres or smaller, and cost from IL80,000 to IL120,000, depending on the number of rooms and the location.

Another 20 per cent are for the "middle classes," and the remaining 60 per cent for the "low-income classes and young couples." These are 70 square metres and up, and cost IL40,000 to IL45,000.

Mr. Ofer gave several reasons for the general rise in prices. One is the fact that real costs are rising: of labour, of materials. Another is the law of supply and demand — there is more demand than there is supply. Finally, the "profession is split up into hundreds of contractors and sub-contractors, who lack discipline. A contractor will quote a price — and then demand more — or if you don't pay him, he will threaten you with bankruptcy, and you will have lost everything you have paid him."

Law must prevail even where unreasonable

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals
Before Justices Berinson, Witkon and Kahn

Halili Yosef, Appellant, v. Mordechai Kaleti, Respondent (C.A. 693/70).

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on November 8, 1970 (in C.A. 220/70).

The Jerusalem Post LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin
Tuesday, November 23, 1971

Details of Tenancy Law must be meticulously observed if premises to be immune from protection

The respondent rented a shop from the appellant for a period of 10 months. Towards the end of this period he applied to the Tenancy Tribunal to fix the rent he had to pay as a statutory tenant. The Tenancy Tribunal accepted the landlord's argument that the respondent was not a protected tenant and that it was not competent, therefore, to fix rent for the shop.

The Tel Aviv District Court reversed this decision and sent the matter back to the Tenancy Tribunal to fix the statutory rent for the shop, basing its decision on the fact that no mention was made in the lease agreement of the fact that the shop was built after April, 1954.

Section XI of the Tenants Protection (New Buildings) Law, 1955, provides that where premises, which are situated in a building which was built after April, 1954, are let for the first time after March, 1955, and these particulars are expressly stated in the lease agreement, then the Tenants Protection Laws shall not apply to such premises.

In the appeal against the District Court decision to the Supreme Court, Mr. M. Orr appeared for the appellant and Mr. Wilenko for the respondent.

Justice Witkon, who delivered the main opinion of the Supreme Court, noted that the lease agreement between the appellant and respondent had specified that the shop was rented for the first time after March, 1955. The agreement had, however, not specified that the shop was built after April, 1954, although the fact that it had actually been built in 1964 was not really in dispute. Furthermore, he noted, the lease agreement did stipulate expressly that the Tenants Protection Law and any similar provisions of law were not applicable to it and that the tenancy was not protected by the law. It would appear, therefore, he said, that, from the point of view of justice and equity, the landlord was entitled to the sympathy and aid of the courts. However, he held, from the point of view of the law there was regrettably nothing the courts could do to help him. For the law quite clearly and unequivocally lays down that two particulars must be stated in the lease agreement if the premises are to be immune from the statutory protection, and while the courts have always been prepared to interpret this demand liberally by stretching a point in cases where reference is at least made indirectly to these two particulars (as, for example, by the mention of section 1 of the New Buildings Law in the lease agreement) they cannot go so far as to content themselves with the fact that the tenant must have been aware that the building was completed, and that the premises were let for the first time, after the dates specified in the law, even-though there were no mention of this, either directly or indirectly, in the lease agreement. For such knowledge neither added to nor derogated from the demand that these particulars be stated in the lease agreement. Nor was it relevant that the lease agreement expressly precluded the application of the Tenants Protection Laws.

In short, Justice Witkon concluded, even though the demands of the law may appear to be excessively formal, and even unreasonable, in the circumstances, they may not be ignored. For this reason, the District Court's decision had been correct and the appeal should be dismissed.

Justice Kahn

In concurring regretfully that the appeal should be dismissed Justice Kahn held that it was not within the power of the court to ignore the express injunction of the legislature and they had perforce to bow down to the letter of the law.

Justice Berinson concurred with his colleagues.

Appeal dismissed with IL500 costs.

Judgment given on November 4, 1971.

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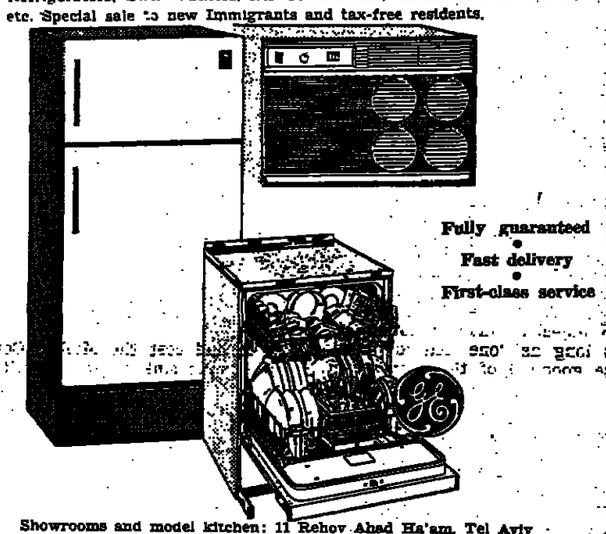

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INQUIRY OPENS INTO NETIVEI NEFT CASE

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE Witkon Commission of Inquiry into the Netivei Neft Affair opened its hearing in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday. First witness on the stand was Dr. David Neev, the Development Ministry geologist whose letter on the activities of Netivei Neft's General Manager, Mr. Mordechai Friedman, to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir in April this year, focussed nationwide attention on Israel's oil industry, and on the Abu-Rodeis drilling company in particular.

For the first time, Dr. Neev publicly revealed his sources. In a seven-page document submitted to the three-man bench, composed of Justice Alfred Witkon, chairman, Aluf (Res.) Meir Zorea and a former President of the Manufacturers Association, Mr. Avraham Kalir, he tabulated his charges against Mr. Friedman, Netivei Neft and Deputy Finance Minister Dr. Zvi Dinstein, citing his source next to each charge. During cross-examination by Attorney-General Meir Shamgar, however, it emerged that many of the charges were based on hearsay only.

The court room was not full. The several dozen spectators, many of whom were Netivei Neft workers, included Mr. Mordechai Friedman, who sat impassively throughout the entire three-and-a-half hour hearing, and only rarely consulted with his lawyers, Messrs. Yaacov Solomon, Naftali Lipshitz and Amos Avni.

The session was opened by Mr. Shamgar, assisted by State Attorney Gavriel Bach and Assistant State Attorney M. Kirsch. He explained that he was appearing for none of the parties involved in the affair, but as the commission's legal adviser. He gave a brief resume of how the official commission came to be appointed.

The Netevei Neft Inquiry Commission in session: left to right, Aluf (res.) Meir Zorea, Justice Alfred Witkon (chairman) and Mr. Avraham Kalir. (Barzilay)

Initial complaint

He cited the initial Neev complaint to the Minister of Finance in April; the handing over of the complaint to the Minister of Justice; and the subsequent Arnon and Ben-Zeev investigations. Throughout, he said, the State Comptroller has been kept informed of all stages of the inquiry, as had the police following Dr. Nebenzahl's decision to call them in.

The police, he reported, should be able to hand over their conclusions to the Commission within the next week or 10 days, with regard to accusations of the illicit sale of Government property for astronomical sums from the Abu Rodeis fields.

The Attorney-General noted that Mr. Moshe Ben-Zeev, one of his predecessors, had, among other recommendations, suggested that the police be called in to investigate certain aspects of the Neev complaint. He had also recommended that evidence be collected under oath, since no objective inquiry could be held as long as "one had to depend on the goodwill of the witnesses."

The Attorney-General asked the Commission, for reasons of security, to ban publication of the names of the foreign companies involved in the Sinai oil venture. The Commission agreed, and also withheld certain documents which accompanied the Neev complaint.

Hague convention

The Sinai wells, Mr. Shamgar said, were put into use by the Israel Government following the Six Day War in accordance with the 1907 Hague Convention, which stipulated that a conquering power can utilize the productive capacity of the vanquished nation, even if this capacity is partially owned by a third power. The Sinai fields were a joint project owned half-half by the Egyptian and Italian Governments. Since they were within administered territory, the fields came under the jurisdiction of the Military Government in Sinai, which appointed Mr. Dov Ben-Dor, in June 1967, to manage the oil fields in the area. Mr. Ben-Dor appointed Mr. Mordechai Friedman on August 20, 1967.

Here the Neev complaint differs from the Attorney-General's survey. Citing Ben-Dor as a source, with whom he claims to have spoken this week, Dr. Neev contends that Mr. Friedman was appointed to get the wells in working order, and to supervise operations until the first tanker only, and not to take over on a permanent basis. There were far more qualified personnel, he said, and he expressed his amazement that those responsible for the oil fields felt that a new company, Netivei Neft, had to be set up to handle the fields when such veteran companies as Lapidot were suffering from acute over-employment, and trained oil scientists were waiting for an opportunity to use their skills.

Cameras

Dr. Neev, 48, is a tall man with a weather-worn face. He was dressed in a light blue shirt, and was obviously embarrassed by the clicking cameras as he took the stand. He was questioned for three solid hours by Mr. Shamgar and by Mr. Friedman's lawyer. Apart from one brief lapse, he never lost his composure.

He briefly told the Commission of his qualifications. He studied geology at the Hebrew University, and received his doctorate in marine geology in the U.S. He started work at the Development Ministry in 1953, and between 1958 and 1959 had the task of keeping a check on Israel's oil companies. Since 1959 he has been employed by the Ministry on a research project in marine geology. From 1961 to 1964 he was in charge of the oil portfolio at the Ministry of Development, and in 1969 was appointed by the Minister of Finance to serve on the Executive of the National Oil Council. In 1970 he was appointed to the Directorate of the Naphtha and Lapidot oil firms.

Dr. Neev's complaint was obviously drawn up without any legal aid whatsoever. One Government lawyer told me at the close of yesterday's session that the way in which the charges were presented, could best be described as "naive."

Dr. Neev complained that instead of using knowledge and know-how available in the country, Netevei Neft handed out contracts to unqualified parties — without issuing tenders for the various jobs. The Lapidot Company, and indeed other Israel firms, which up to now have been accumulating knowledge without the opportunity of exploiting it due to disappointing oil finds, had been pushed aside, he charged. This resulted in unnecessary duplication which cost, and is costing, the country millions of pounds.

Dr. Neev giving his testimony. (Weiss)

Lapidot has five oil rigs — all standing idle. They are costing the State IL2,850 a day. Most of Lapidot's 318 highly qualified workers are virtually unemployed.

Midbar Co.

It had cost the Midbar Company $14.2m. to sink two-and-a-half wells, he said, while the Canadian prospecting company, Belco, had managed to sink a total of six wells for no more than $10m., including the use of an expensive sounding ship which had probed the Mediterranean shoreline for possible mineral deposits.

Dr. Neev charged that sub-contractors were being handed out jobs from which they earned fantastic profits — gleaned from public funds which were supposed to be guarded by Netivei Neft, and supervised by Mr. Friedman. He cited the evidence of former Netivei Neft field foreman Shalom Sella, that bribes given by the management to sub-contractors were not uncommon.

Basing himself on a police report and "Davar" reporter Ya'acov Shimshi, who has evidence, Dr. Neev charged that equipment from the oil fields was stolen and moved to the Hadera storerooms of the Continental Company — an independent company owned by Mr. Friedman, and later sold to the Midbar prospecting company, which received the franchise for prospecting in Sinai from Netivei Neft. (This contention was supported by the Ben-Ze'ev report, and it was on this point that the former Attorney-General suggested that the police be called in.)

Disorder

Also, Dr. Neev stated, the stores at Abu-Rodeis were kept in "purposeful" disorder, and storemen at the fields received strict instruction to register only that equipment which was brought south after the Six Day War. Equipment found at the field was not recorded, and it was this equipment which was taken by Continental, he said.

He charged that the Netivei Neft management had made illicit use of the secrecy of oil operations in Sinai to cover up illegal activities, and under this "smoke-screen" had carried on operations which were morally dubious and financially rewarding.

Estimates of how much Mr. Friedman made by the sale of Continental to Midbar range from $200,000 to $630,000. Dr. Neev claims, however, that the total value of the equipment in Continental's possession in 1969, when the Company was sold, was not more than $70,000 — this based on estimates submitted by six local experts and several foreign experts whom he refused to name. This, he says, proves that the price paid by Midbar to Mr. Friedman was not for the equipment alone, but for the franchise given them by Mr. Friedman to drill in Sinai.

The geologist, who throughout his testimony reiterated that he had nothing against Mr. Friedman personally, nor had he anything to gain by his revelations, also mentioned the sale and hiring of former Air Force planes by Mr. Friedman to Netivei Neft for huge personal profit. When questioned as to exactly what this charge implies, and when pressed for more details, Dr. Neev refused, saying that future witnesses would fill in the details.

Dr. Neev dwelt at length on the role played by Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein in the entire affair, Mr. Dinstein is responsible for all oil operations in the administered areas, and for the marketing of all Israel oil, but not for the prospecting operations for oil in Israel. This comes under the Ministry of Development.

Companies merged

In 1964-65, Dr. Neev claims, Lapidot and Kiduhei Neft were merged into one company, apparently by order of Mr. Dinstein, in order to "cut down on wasteful duplication." Immediately after this, however, Dr. Dinstein handed over an oil drilling option to Mr. Friedman in order to "prevent monopoly by the united company, and to increase competition." Thus the Deputy Minister was directly responsible for wasting Government money, he said.

Dr. Dinstein overruled a decision by the Oil Directorate, he said, when the Directorate pointed out that the grant of drilling options to Friedman's company was nothing but wasteful.

Worse, he said, in January 1969, some of the drilling concessions given to Continental — 360 days — were then passed on to the Midbar Company, again over the heads of the National Oil Council, and again with the approval of Dr. Dinstein.

Dr. Dinstein's role in the affair was what occupied Mr. Friedman's lawyer for most of his partial cross-examination, which is expected to continue for most of today.

Mr. Solomon charged that Dr. Neev had a personal score to settle with Dr. Dinstein because the Deputy Minister had once refused him money for research. "He sent you away shame-faced" said the lawyer, whose examination was harsh and aggressive. Mr. Solomon, who was rebuked by Justice Witkon several times for not allowing Dr. Neev to complete his answers, attempted vigorously to destroy the geologist's credibility. He made hardly any mention of Neev's actual charges. He questioned Dr. Neev's professional qualifications, and tried to establish that he was the resident "crank" employed at the Development Ministry.

Off-shore research

Early in 1969, Dr. Neev, together with four other scientists approached Dr. Dinstein and asked for money to finance off-shore research. According to Dr. Neev, the Deputy Minister agreed, but on one condition: that the scientists ensure that the control of Israel oil prospecting is handed over to him by the Development Ministry. "If you can't ensure this, then you had better go back to your *katanchik* (little man) at the Development Ministry" Dinstein reportedly told the scientists. Dr. Neev explained that he was referring to the then Deputy Minister of Development, Yehuda Sha'ari. This led to a sharp exchange of words between Mr. Solomon and Dr. Neev. **Solomon:** "Is this how you intend to crush the Deputy Minister?"

Neev — losing his composure for the first and only time: "Yes, I intend to crush the Deputy Minister and what he stands for."

He later explained that he had meant that he was out to crush the system — the system of personal gain at public expense.

Asked why he had submitted his report directly to the Finance Minister, and not to those in charge of his department, Dr. Neev explained that he was appointed to the National Oil Council by Mr. Sapir, and thus was answerable to Mr. Sapir only. Why had he done so in writing? Because he had been told that the maximum audience granted by the Minister was 20 minutes, and "what I had to say could not be said in 20 minutes."

The Commission meets again this morning, and Justice Witkon, who has stated that he would like the hearing to proceed as quickly as possible, decided that they will sit this afternoon as well. Next week, the Commission will fly down to Abu Rodeis to examine the fields at first hand.

Other witnesses expected to be called this week include Mr. Friedman and Dr. Dinstein. Dr. Neev has been warned by Mr. Friedman's lawyer that he can expect to spend most of today on the witness stand.

Mr. Friedman engaged Solomon, Lipshitz and Avni only last week. His previous lawyers — Firon, Shapiro (the Justice Minister's son) and Alexandroni — were replaced following public charges that the Justice Minister was giving Mr. Friedman preferential treatment.

McDougall scores nine

TED McDougall set an English F.A. Cup scoring record when he slammed in nine goals as Third Division leaders Bournemouth crushed non-league club Margate 11-0 in a first-round match Saturday.

McDougall, the £200,000 transfer target for First Division clubs, has now scored 28 goals in 20 matches to bring his total for Bournemouth to 100 in 122 games.

Everton recorded the biggest league victory of the season when they beat Southampton 3-0 in a First Division clash.

Arsenal found themselves on the receiving end of a scoring blitz against Wolves. Arsenal took a 25th minute lead through Ray Kennedy before Derek Dougan (2), David Wagstaffe, Ken Hibbit and Jim McCalliog all scored in the space of 20 minutes to give Wolves a 5-1 victory and Arsenal their fourth successive defeat.

There was no change at the top of the First Division, with Manchester United keeping their three-point lead over Derby County and Manchester City.

Scottish International Denis Law scored twice for United as they edged their way to a 3-2 victory over Leicester City.

Derby beat fourth-placed Sheffield United 3-0 in a rugged game in which three Sheffield players had their names taken. There was also trouble in Manchester City's match against West Ham United in which Wyn Davies scored for City before being booked for fouling. City won 2-0.

Leeds United joined Sheffield on 23 points after beating Stoke City 1-0.

Other results: Tottenham 3, West Brom 3; Chrystal Palace 2, Chelsea 3; Newcastle 2, Notts. For. 1; Ipswich 1, Huddersfield 0; Coventry 0, Liverpool 2.

SPORTS ABROAD By JOHN WOSNER

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ROSE Bowl-bound Michigan rode tailback Billy Taylor's 21-yard touchdown run in the closing minutes to a 10-7 victory over Ohio State, and Penn State accepted a bid to the Cotton Bowl following a 55-18 mangling of Pitt on Saturday.

Third-ranked Michigan, the only team in the top five in action, finished with their first perfect regular-season record since 1948.

Top-ranked Nebraska and second-ranked Oklahoma were idle, as were fourth-ranked Alabama and fifth-ranked Auburn.

Lydell Mitchell led sixth-ranked Penn State's triumph, rushing for three touchdowns to give him 28 on the ground for the season, a National Collegiate Athletic Association record.

Penn State's foe in the Cotton Bowl will be the Southwest Conference Champion, either 17th-ranked Arkansas, a 15-0 winner over Texas Tech, or Texas, which did not play.

Elsewhere in the A.P. top ten, number ten Colorado beat Air Force 53-17. Eighth-ranked Georgia was idle.

FOOTBALL

THE Los Angeles Rams and Dallas Cowboys vaulted into Divisional leads in the U.S. National Conference Sunday while the Miami Dolphins tightened their grip on first place in the American Conference East.

Los Angeles making it a season sweep over the San Francisco 49ers, rode to a 17-6 triumph that put Los Angeles on top in the NFL West.

Dallas avenged a 20-16 loss to the Washington Redskins earlier in the season, with Mike Clark kicking two field goals en route to a 13-0 victory that gave them first place in the N.F.C. East.

The Victories left Los Angeles and Dallas with half-game margins while Miami, squeezing out a 17-14 victory over Baltimore on Garo Yepremian's 20-year field goal in the fourth quarter, widened their edge over the Colts to 1½ games.

Results in Sunday's other National Football League games:

Oakland 34, San Diego 33; Kansas 28, Denver 10; Minnesota 23, New Orleans 10; Detroit 26, Chicago 3; Cleveland 27, New England 7; Pittsburgh 17, New York Giants 13; Cincinnati 28, Houston 13; Philadelphia 37, St. Louis 20; New York Jets 20, Buffalo 7.

U.S. Pro Football standings following Sunday's games:

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	PCT.
Miami	8	1	1	.889
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700
New England	4	6	0	.400
New York Jets	4	6	0	.400
Buffalo	0	10	0	.000
Central Division				
Cleveland	5	5	0	.500
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500
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Houston	1	8	1	.111
Western Division				
Oakland	7	1	3	.875
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San Diego	4	6	0	.400
Denver	2	7	1	.222

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	PCT.
Dallas	7	3	0	.700
Washington	6	3	1	.667
New York Giants	4	6	0	.400
Philadelphia	3	6	1	.333
St. Louis	3	7	0	.300
Central Division				
Minnesota	8	2	0	.800
Detroit	6	3	1	.667
Chicago	6	4	0	.600
Green Bay	3	5	1	.375
Western Division				
Los Angeles	6	3	1	.667
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600
Atlanta	4	4	1	.500
New Orleans	3	5	2	.375

HOCKEY

THE New York Rangers, firing eight goals in the third period, walloped the California Golden Seals 12-1 Sunday night and earned themselves a place in the National Hockey League record book.

The eight goals in one period tied the marks set in 1944 and 1969, by the Detroit Red Wings and Boston Bruins respectively.

Jean Retelle shot four of the Rangers' goals, with Ted Irvine and Rookies Gene Car and Pierre Jarry contributing two each.

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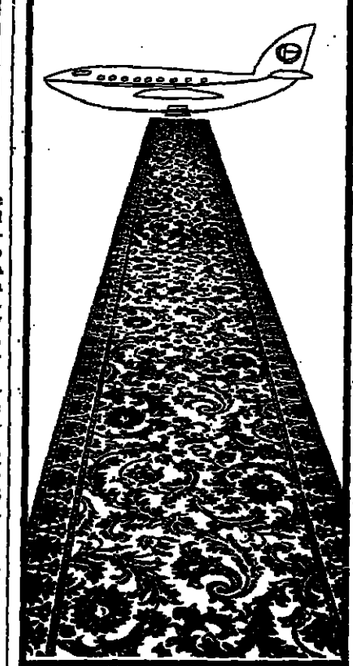

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Vehicle owners are therefore requested to comply with the above regulations in order to avoid unpleasantness and unnecessary expenses.

DAVID YACHIN
Deputy Director, Licensing Department

A pianist needs more than agility

Piano Recital by Gerald Robbins (Israel Museum Auditorium, Jerusalem — November 20). Mozart: Sonata, K. 310; Prokofiev: Sonata No. 6, Op. 82; Dello Joio: Capriccio on the interval of a second; Albeniz: three pieces from Iberia"; Chopin: Nocturne, Op. 15, No. 1; Scherzo, Op. 39; Liszt: Transcendental Etude No. 10.

YOUNG Gerald Robbins from Los Angeles played a very mixed bag of pieces, apparently intended to display his versatility, but which also showed up his weaknesses. His very considerable technical resources served him well in the majority of the works, but where more than digital acrobatics were required, as in the Mozart Sonata or the Chopin pieces, his age and undeveloped personality were a handicap. In the Mozart Sonata, his interpretation was inconsequential, erratic dynamics, *rubati* and *ritardandi* adding a romanticizing element alien to this work. He found it easier to play music of entertaining character (Norman dello Joio), pleasingly set folkloristics (Albeniz), or virtuoso pieces without intellectual ballast or deep emotions (Liszt, and the Rachmaninoff Etude given as encore). His playing of Prokofiev lacked impetuosity and the gift to move lightly over the dry or dead spots which often characterize the composer's weakness in movement and development.

The pianist was obviously liked by his audience, but he should not ignore the fact that music needs more than nimble fingers and agile hands. Or he should decide to become a virtuoso of the keyboard and choose his repertoire accordingly, avoiding the hurdles of Mozart and Beethoven until the development of his personality and growing experience lead him to that degree of maturity when he can master all styles and periods.

YOHANAN BOEHM

ABSORPTION DAY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I thank you for your coverage of our Immigration and Absorption Day which was held on the November 2, Balfour Day.

In 90 homes all over the country, more than 1,000 immigrants from many lands were warmly welcomed and many friendships made.

Of no less importance were the enthusiastic reports of the hosts of the evening, i.e. settled Israelis originally from Britain, who felt that their endeavours were worthwhile and have promised to increase their efforts for making new immigrants feel at home.

In view of the success of this first venture, we intend to make Immigration and Absorption Day an annual event.

DR. SHIM VAROD
National Chairman
Hitachdut Olei Britannia
Tel Aviv, November 15.

OMBUDSMAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of November 17, Mrs. Devora Waysman of Jerusalem gives praise to "the Ombudsman" for his courteous and prompt handling of her problem regarding the schooling of her child as well as of the child of another parent. Elementary fairness bids me to inform your readers that in this instance the praise and gratitude are due to the Ombudsman of the Municipality of Jerusalem who was approached by the citizens concerned, and dealt with this matter. The appreciation should be placed where it belongs.

GERSHON AVNER Director,
Office of the Commissioner for Complaints from the Public
Jerusalem, November 18.

Comeback bid tomorrow by Li-La-Lo Theatre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Li-La-Lo, the satirical company of the 1940s, will be revived tomorrow at the Shalom Aleichem Hall under its former manager and driving force, Moshe Walin. "We shall photograph the officialdom and show it to the public," Mr. Walin told the press yesterday. The new "Li-La-Lo" will be non-partisan. Its present director is Rafael Klachkin of Habimah.

The original Li-La-Lo made its debut on November 25, 1943, and lasted for ten years. Directed by Zenon Wardan, then a new immigrant from Poland, Li-La-Lo made Shoshana Damari famous with the lyrics of Natan Alterman set to music by Moshe Wilenski. Of the old-timers, only Alexander Yahalomi remains, as master of ceremonies. The seven-member cast features actress Ninette Dinar, a veteran of Israeli stage and cinema, and Ya'acov Ben-Sira, of Theatre Club fame. The rest are new arrivals: singer Ariella Barlev, from the U.S., comedian; Edna Bator from Rumania; and Ora Tubal and Moshe Solo. Musical arrangements are by Alexander Lustig.

The Shalom Aleichem Hall, at the back of the Law Courts, seats 270, just a little more than the Heifetz Hall where Li-La-Lo originated. "Li-La-Lo" means "for me, for her, for him," and it was Natan Alterman who invented the name.

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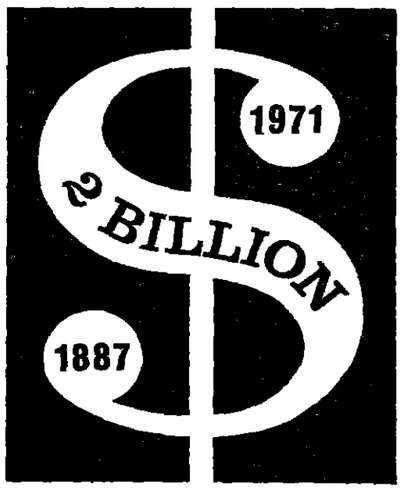

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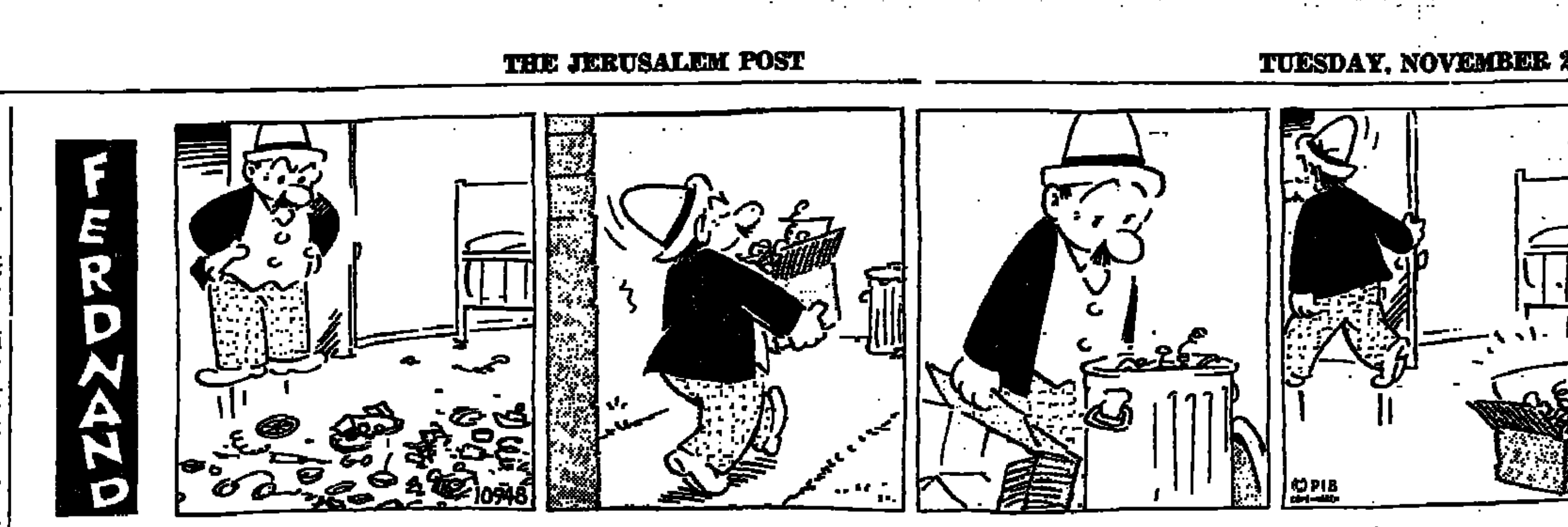

YESTERDAY'S PRESS:

Sadat's threats

Ha'aretz (non-party) feels that: "One possible interpretation of Sadat's latest speech is that, under cover of terrible threats and angry pretence that resumed warfare is around the corner, he is actually driving home to his troops the necessity to keep up their training — while making it clear to the U.S. that he is prepared to extend the cease-fire until the end of June 1972." But it cannot be ruled out, says the paper, that Sadat's principal aim was to drive up the mercury in the political barometer and scare the Americans. "Either way, the Israel Government must leave Sadat in no doubt that the I.D.F. is fully ready for any attack, and that it will not remain quiescent in the face of any provocation."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes that: "It would seem that Sadat's threats have reached a grave stage. The Egyptian President is embroiling himself ever more in a situation from which it would be difficult for him to extricate himself. Sadat is adopting a policy of brinkmanship, but it is doubtful whether he will succeed in walking this tightrope."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael), commenting on Rav-Aluf David Elazar's appointment, writes: "The appointment of a new Chief of Staff less than 24 hours after the Egyptian President's declaration that war is the only solution, could well be a slap in Sadat's face. The timing of the appointment may be viewed as a reaction to Egypt's psychological warfare. The militant fanfare sounded by Egypt's leaders is countered by the Government's decision on a long-expected routine change of guard, as though to testify that "business is as usual'."

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(7.15 — 9.30)

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(4.00 — 6.45 — 9.00)

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Probate File 494/71

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Petitioners: 1. Rachel Shulsinger, née Shvadron, of New York. 2. Zeev Shvadron, of New York, represented by A. and B. Michaeli, Advocates, of 13 Rehov Shamai, Jerusalem.

Citation — Be it made known, that an application has been filed in the above Court declaring the succession to the above deceased, and I hereby cite all persons claiming any benefit in the estate of the deceased and who desire to oppose the declaration of succession, to submit their objection to the declaration applied for within 15 days from the date of publication of this Citation. Otherwise this Court will make such order as it may deem fit.

YEHUDA WEISS, Judge Registrar

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 340.5 and 221 M.

NEWS: 12.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00 p.m.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457 and 423 M.

NEWS: 6.05, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00 a.m.; 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 p.m. and 1.00 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME

11.13 a.m. Opening. 11.16 Programmes for Schools. 11.36 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Schools. 12.36 Close Down.

1.58 p.m. Opening. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 Listen to the Band. 4.04 A Place in the News. 4.15 "The musician at your disposal" — The Composer Moshe Cotel. 4.35 Talmud Lesson. 4.55 Book Review. 5.05 Recital — Ilona Vincze — Piano — Rameau: Pieces for Piano; Beethoven: "Andante Favori," in F-major; Ravel: "Le Tombeau de Couperin." 5.55 Announcements. 6.07 On People and Numbers. 6.25 "Army Questions?" 6.55 For the Farmer — Daily News Service. 7.00 "This Day"; People and Events in the News. 7.30 "A Bit of Music." 7.50 Bible Reading: Shmuel II, chaps. 9 and 10. 8.09 Tonight's Programmes. 8.10 Reminiscences of Eretz Yisrael. 8.20 "Towards the Concert" — programme produced by Edna Anati. 8.30 Chamber Concert — The Anati String Quartet with the Ardito Wind Quartet (a direct relay in stereo from the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Jerusalem) — Spohr: Nonet; Eisma: "If...": Britten: Sinfonietta opus 24 — intermission — Schubert: Octet opus 163. 10.45 Poetry Anthology. 11.05 "Chamber Music" — Bach: Sinfonias No. 4, 9, 3 (Jascha Heifetz — Violin; William Primrose — Viola; Gregor Piatigorsky — Cello) — Mendelssohn: Sonata No. 2 for Cello and Piano (Emanuel Feuermann and Franz Rupp); Prokofiev: String Quartet No. 1 opus 50 (The Kroll String Quartet). 12.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

3.00 a.m. Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 7.05 Press Review. 7.15 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 "From A to Z." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 9.49 The Small Ad. Corner 10.05 Housewife's Corner. 12.07 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "At Midday" — News and Music. 3.03 Press Review. 3.10 Where to Go. 3.35 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.53 "Encore" — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 Oriental Songs — requests. 4.30 Quiz by S. Rosen. 4.35 Oriental Songs (cont.). 4.05 Entertainment from Abroad. 6.07 "Mixed Notes." 6.40 Sport Corner. 6.49 Small Ad. Corner. 6.59 Close Down.

9.05 p.m. "My Choice" — Guest: Rena Samsonov. 10.04 "Ten Plus Club." 12.05 "Good Night" — songs and melodies. 1.05 a.m. Close Down.

FOURTH PROGRAMME
407, 443 and 292 M.

News in English: 7.00 a.m., 1.30 and 8.30 p.m. News in French: 7.15 a.m., 2.00 and 8.45 p.m

ENGLISH PROGRAMME
(407, 292, 443 and 42 M: 737, 1025, 677, 7189 kHz)

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Children's Programme (Hebrew): 5.30 p.m. Sesame Street.

Arabic Programme: 6.30 For the Family. 7.00 News.

Hebrew Programme: 7.30 "Family Affair." 8.00 Mabat. 8.30 Discussion on Television. 9.20 The Entertainment Broadcasting Service: Love American Style. 10.00 News.

INSTRUCTIONAL: 8.15 Citizenship 7. 9.05 English 9. 9.25 English 5. 10.00 Algebra 9. 10.25 English 6. 10.45 Kindergartens. 11.00 Algebra 10. 11.25 English 7. 12.00 English 10. 12.30 English 8. 1.35 Arithmetic 7. 2.20 Interview with Prof. Avraham Halperin. 2.37 Film.

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7.00 p.m. News in Easy Hebrew: Stories from the Bible; Hebrew for Beginners; News Headlines. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ARMY PROGRAMME
216, 325 and 235 M.

11.00 a.m. Requests. 11.15 From the Hebrew Hit Parade. 11.30 It Happened. 11.35 Requests (cont.). 12.00 News. 12.06 Requests (cont.). 12.30 "The Private Eye and the Public Ear." 12.35 Requests (cont.). 1.00 News. 1.05 Thirty Plus (cont.). 1.55 Announcements for Soldiers. 2.00 News. 2.05 Personal Announcements. 2.10 Close Down.

257 p.m. Opening. 3.00 News. 3.05 Please Call — with Edna Shavit. 4.00 News. 4.05 Please Call (cont.). 5.00 News. 5.05 Requests. 5.40 Zahal's Diary. 6.00 News. 6.05 Personal File — R. Bashan interviews. 7.00 News. 7.05 From Him to You — special requests. 8.00 News. 8.05 Songs and melodies. 8.30 Jazz. 9.00 News. 9.05 Personal Questions — Y. Agmon with Dr. Sasson Somekh (2nd programme). 10.00 News. 10.05 Noah's Ark. 11.00 News. 11.05 Let's Talk with Nathan Donewitz. 12.00 News. 12.05 a.m. Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA
238 M. (Medium Wave)

5.00 a.m. The Breakfast Show (News, Music, Topical Reports and Features). 9.00 News and Topical Reports.

4.00 News in Special English. 4.15 Special English Feature. 4.30 The NOW Sound. 5.00 Report to South Asia. 6.00 News in Special English. 6.15 Special English Feature. 11.00 Report to the Middle East, Africa, Europe. 12.00 News in Special English. 12.15 Special English Feature. 12.30 Music U.S.A. (Popular). 1.00 News and Topical Reports. 1.15 Music U.S.A. (Jazz). 3.00 Close Down.

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'No steps' against Mayor Shawa

Gaza Mayor tells how terrorist committed suicide in his house

By B. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Mayor Rashad Shawa told Defence Minister Moshe Dayan on Sunday that he was about to hand over terrorist leader Ziad el-Husseini to the security forces when Ziad suddenly killed himself. This was disclosed to the press yesterday by Tat-Aluf Shlomo Gazit, coordinator for the administered areas.

T/A Gazit added that the investigation of the matter was far from closed and that new developments may be expected. He said, however, that at this stage no steps were being taken against Mayor Shawa: that the mayor is not under arrest, nor is he being relieved of his job.

The funeral of the terrorist leader took place at 3 p.m. yesterday. Military authorities took strict security precautions at Shifa Hospital, where the funeral started out and on the route to the cemetery, to prevent demonstrations. Only about 30 persons, all members of the family, attended the funeral.

The authorities provided air transportation from Abu Zneima, in Southern Sinai, for the father of the dead terrorist.

BODY ON BED

T/A Yitzhak Pundak, Military Governor of the Gaza Strip, told newsmen yesterday that Mayor Shawa came to his office at 2 p.m. on Sunday. He was white-faced and shaking and said Ziad had committed suicide in his house. To forestall the possibility of a rumour that Israeli troops had killed Ziad, T/A Pundak immediately called local notables to his office, among them the pathologist of the Shifa Hospital and two other doctors. The entire group then proceeded to Mayor Shawa's house, he said.

They found the body of Ziad stretched out on a bed, covered with a blanket, in a basement room. He was clutching a pistol in his left hand. The wall near the bed was spattered with blood, and the bullet was lodged in the wall behind the bed. The fatal shot had penetrated from below the chin, travelled through Ziad's skull and emerged at the top of his head.

Two plates with untouched food were on a table in the room. A Kalatchnikov assault rifle and a suitcase full of grenades was also found in the room, as was Ziad's wallet containing his will.

The doctors established that Ziad must have shot himself between 9 a.m. and noon on Sunday.

SAW DAYAN

Immediately after the identification of the body Mr. Shawa was taken to the office of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan in Tel Aviv. Mayor Shawa told Mr. Dayan and T/A Pundak that Ziad had come to his home six weeks earlier.

Unkempt and wearing a wild beard, he carried a Kalatchnikov and a suitcase. He had identified himself, the Mayor said, and added that he had heard from Lebanese sources that Shawa was negotiating free passage out of Israel for him with the Military Government.

T/A Gazit said that it was no secret that before accepting his job as mayor, Shawa went to Egypt and other Arab countries, where he informed various organizations of his intention of becoming mayor. Had he not informed these groups, he would have risked being killed by terrorists, T/A Gazit said.

Ziad el-Husseini

The Military Governor confirmed that Mayor Shawa had negotiated with the authorities to get Ziad out but that the authorities did not know Ziad was hiding at Shawa's house.

Mayor Shawa said he did not reveal this fact because he was afraid Ziad would blow up his house.

The authorities reportedly told Mayor Shawa that if Ziad surrendered and turned in his arms, he might get a more lenient sentence. But they were not willing to grant him free passage out of the country.

At a later date Ziad offered to provide Shawa with a list of 30 to 40 of his accomplices if they were all granted safe passage out of the country. The authorities refused to consider this deal. Meanwhile, Mayor Shawa tried to persuade Ziad to give himself up. On Saturday morning, the Mayor said, Ziad seemed on the verge of surrendering, but on Sunday morning he put an end to his life.

T/A Gazit explained that the surprising reference to Egypt — and not to Israel — as the enemy may refer to the imprisonment and torture of Mayor Shawa's brother Rashdi by Cairo military authorities, following the 1956 Sinai Campaign. Rashdi Shawa had been appointed mayor by the Israelis during their brief occupation of the Gaza Strip. When the Egyptians returned after the withdrawal of the Israelis, Rashdi was imprisoned and died as a result of the treatment he received at the hands of the Egyptians.

T/A Gazit explained to the press lowing biography of Husseini. He was born in January, 1943, in Gaza, and completed secondary school there. In 1961 he went to the Cairo Police Academy for two years, but failed his final examinations. Back in Gaza in 1965 he was called up by the Shukeiry Palestinian Army of Liberation. He evaded conscription and was later arrested. Due to the intervention of members of the Husseini family, he was released.

NEVER MARRIED

Later he went to Egypt, where he enrolled as an officer cadet at the army college and subsequently graduated as a second lieutenant. He again returned to Gaza, in 1966, and joined the Shukeiry Army. During the Six Day War he deserted his unit. He eventually became commander of the Popular Liberation Forces for the whole Gaza Strip.

Never married, Husseini was known to smoke hashish and gamble. The handsome saboteur had many women friends.

Under his command, a number of sabotage acts, grenade throwings and murders of Arabs suspected of cooperation with Israel were carried out. It is not known, however, whether Husseini himself took active part in any of these acts.

The fact that he managed to evade capture by the Israeli authorities for four years was due to his great care in concealing his identity. Only two or three members of his cell knew who their commander was. He stood 17th on the list of the most wanted terrorists, which contains about 100 names.

T/A Gazit said that there are 60 or 70 other terrorist leaders who have not yet been caught. But he pointed out that the security situation is excellent now by comparison with that of last November. Last week was the first week in years that no incident of any kind was reported.

Asked about Sunday's announcement on TV that Mayor Shawa is also suspected of being a terrorist, T/A Gazit said: "I did not so advise the television authorities, nor did the army spokesman or T/A Pundak. The TV authorities later apologized to Mayor Shawa."

It is known that the accusation against Shawa was leaked to TV, and an investigation has been started.

Ziad Muhammed el-Husseini left a last will and testament which reads as follows:

"In the name of All Merciful God, to His Honour, Haj Rashad el-Shawa my dear friend: I was planning to explode three grenades in your house; but in consideration of the sickness of Um Zohir (Mrs. Shawa), I decided not to carry out this plan, because the shock might cause her to die of a heart attack, and the same might happen to you, too. I consider you an honourable man and a hero. Therefore you must understand that I don't want to cause any damage to your house.

"Act as follows: I have in my possession: IL4,720, $100, 250 Egyptian grush, a watch, a gold ring, a wedding ring and a purse.

"I beg of you to see to it that these articles reach my family in secret, so that they will not discover the circumstances (of my suicide). May God reward you, as I am thanking you. I also beg you to take care of my family. Please try your best to arrange that the enemy lets me have a hero's funeral.

"4 Shawal, 1391, (signed) Ziad Muhammed el-Husseini.

("I am sorry to cause you all this trouble by committing suicide. Take the Kalatchnikov and the suitcase with grenades, so that perhaps you can fight against your enemies, the Egyptians.")

'Olive tree affair' reaches Knesset floor

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The case of the uprooted olive trees in Jerusalem's San Martin area (reported in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*) took on the complexities of the Netivei Neft affair yesterday with a parliamentary question directed at the Interior Minister and two separate investigations being launched.

In the Knesset, Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir (N.R.P.) asked Interior Minister Yosef Burg what action would be taken if the report in *The Post* that live olive trees had been uprooted Sunday by a private contractor proved to be accurate.

The Jerusalem Municipality spokesman yesterday said that an inspector from the Municipality's Beautification Department, a Mr. Darwish, visited the scene Monday and reported that the trees involved had been dead. This was hotly denied by residents of the area, who reported that while some dead trees had been knocked down, fully leafed and obviously thriving trees had been uprooted as well.

"I can tell a dead tree from a live tree," said Arik Pelzig, a design student at the Bezalel Academy of Art. He said he had counted 15 live trees lying on the ground, at least five of them large and the remainder young. Other residents, however, said that "dozens" of trees had been uprooted over an area extending across Herzog Road towards the Holyland Hotel.

Mrs. Felix Klein-Franke said that many of the dead trees have been burnt by Arab shepherds who graze their sheep and goats in the area and frequently set fire to trees while making camp beneath them.

The olive grove which once covered the area has not yet been completely destroyed.

Nehemia Oz, director of the Beautification Department, said last night that he will send his inspector out again today to examine the trees which had been uprooted and to determine whether any of them were alive. Other inspectors are also to be sent out by the Jewish National Fund, which bears the legal responsibility for the care of "protected trees," a category which includes the olive tree. Haim Blass, in charge of the Forestry Division of the J.N.F.'s Central District, told *The Post* last night that no permit had been issued for removal of olive trees from the area. Fines for uprooting such trees, he said, range up to IL500.

Police deny 'bungling' case of attacks on pathologists

By SHALOM COHEN
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel declared yesterday that the police were giving "very high priority" to recent attacks on pathologists, and hoped for "early results."

Reporting to the Knesset Public Services Committee, he added that the police faced "objective difficulties" because of the "murky atmosphere" and ignorance among the public. He said the medical profession should mount an information campaign to explain the importance of pathology — i.e. autopsies — for maintaining medical standards.

Mr. Hillel rejected charges of "bungling" by the police, and condemned the decision of Meir Hospital doctors to break off contact with the police.

But the chairman of the Israel Medical Association, Dr. Rami Yishai, told the meeting that doctors felt the police were not doing their utmost to catch and prosecute "these criminals who threaten murder and kidnapping," pester pathologists with night telephone calls and damage their property. He said the doctors were now to launch a public information campaign, "and at a later stage might even declare a strike of medical services." Counteraction by young doctors was also possible, he warned.

It is now almost impossible to persuade a young doctor to take up pathology, Dr. Binyamin Griffel, chairman of the Pathologists Union, told the Committee. Only four or five medical interns were now specializing in pathology in the whole country.

Dr. Baruch Padeh, Director-General of the Health Ministry, said it was apparent that a number of organizations, "underground and others," were now active against the pathologists. These organizations enjoyed substantial financial resources and waged widespread activities in Israel and abroad, he said.

Two Orthodox M.K.s, Mr. Shlomo Gross (Agudat Israel) and Mr. Avraham Werdiger (Poalei Agudat Israel), vigorously condemned "the hooliganism of various groups," but argued that autopsies should be based on (advance) consent of the deceased and of the family, the Committee communique reported.

M.K.s Zena Harman (Alignment) and Avraham Katz (Gahal) said the police should investigate the "vast resources" received by violent underground groups. They suspected that the activities against the pathologists were instigated by "extremists in New York."

The Committee's chairman, Mrs. Chaika Grossman, called for the law's sternest measures against the violence.

Beilinson M.D.s strike in wake of threats

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Doctors at Beilinson Hospital yesterday decided to begin a 24-hour strike this morning, to protest the reported receipt of a threatening letter by one of their number, pathologist Miriam Luria.

In Kfar Saba, meanwhile, work at Meir Hospital will return to normal this morning following the 24-hour strike during which the hospital operated on holiday schedule.

The strike was called to protest the failure of police to protect the pathologists from threats and insults of zealots.

Siren drill today

Emergency sirens throughout the country will be tested today at 2 p.m., the army spokesman announced yesterday. A steady note will be sounded for the first 60 seconds, to be followed by a rising-and-falling note, at intervals, for the next 60 to 100 seconds, and concluding with a steady tone for the last 60 seconds.

Hamashbir wants monopoly

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hamashbir Hamerkazi will strive to attain a monopoly marketing position in all Histadrut-sponsored enterprises, according to a resolution adopted by the Hamashbir Hamerkazi National Convention here yesterday. The company, which was established soon after World War I as a purchasing agency for kibbutzim, has developed into a big marketing concern which had a IL600m. turnover this year.

In his opening address on Sunday, the outgoing General Manager of the company, Mr. Naftali Ushpitz, suggested that Hamashbir Hamerkazi merge with Tnuva, the company which markets all agricultural produce of Histadrut-affiliated farmers. Mr. Ushpitz also said that separate purchasing organizations of the kibbutzim should be suppressed.

Although Mr. Ushpitz was told by Acting Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel that the Histadrut was not likely to sanction the monopoly plans, the convention adopted Mr. Ushpitz', expansionist ideas without much opposition. Plans for future activity include services for kibbutz industry, and the import of building machinery and electronic equipment. Hamashbir Hamerkazi will also go into the import of semi-finished products.

The only resolution which called forth stormy discussion concerned Hamashbir Hamerkazi participation in Hamashbir Latzarchan, which operates supermarkets in partnership with the Consumers' Cooperative Union. Mrs. Senta Josephthal, former Secretary of Ihud Hakibbutzim Vehakvutsot, suggested the partnership be dissolved, since Hamashbir Latzarchan was "about the most expensive store chain in Israel." This brought forth a sharp report by Mr. Rafael Marinov, General Manager of Hamashbir Latzarchan, and Mr. Shlomo Span, head of the Consumers' Cooperative Union. The convention rejected Mrs. Josephthal's motion by 24 votes to 11.

Treasury seeks IL750m. more in defence cuts

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury is seeking a further IL750m. cut in the proposed IL6,000m. Defence Ministry budget for the coming fiscal year, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told a delegation of U.J.A. leaders from Baltimore yesterday. This cut is part of the IL3,250m. which the Treasury is striving to trim off the budget proposals of all the Government ministries for 1972/73.

The decision to cut expense-account spending in Government and public services, taken by the Cabinet on Sunday, is aimed at curtailing non-essential expenditures and creating an atmosphere of savings in the economy. It is not intended to be part of an austerity policy, which can have negative influence upon the economic and social developments in the country.

The economic slowdown policy was introduced in 1965 because of conditions in the economy similar to those existing today. Mr. Sapir noted. None the less, he expressed the hope that this time there will be sufficient easing of the pressure in the labour market and wage claims to solve the problem of inflation.

Praising the contribution of world Jewry to Israel through the U.J.A. and Israel Bonds, Mr. Sapir pointed out that this assistance will be needed for years to come, even if there is peace. The goal of doubling the population over the coming decade will require the continued assistance of "our brethren abroad" to enable Israel to absorb another 2.5 million Jews.

C'tee proposed for striking Hula hands

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Labour Committee yesterday called for the setting up of a joint committee to discuss re-employment of Hula Authority workers in suitable posts following the planned closing down of the Authority. The decision was taken at a Committee meeting also attended by the Hula Authority management and works committee members.

The joint committee would include representatives of the works committee, Kiryat Shmona Labour Council, Histadrut and Ministry of Agriculture.

The works committee members agreed to the proposal and said they would recommend to striking Authority workers to return to work immediately, the Labour Committee statement said.

Fired forestry workers protest at Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A group of Acre forestry workers demonstrated outside the Knesset yesterday, protesting the fact that the Jewish National Fund had dismissed them, and that the only work found for them was in Hameshakem — which gives jobs to the disabled.

Placards they carried said: "We're being made into social cases!"

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Slight slip

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In Lilienblum Street, the dollar rose to IL4.51 yesterday (for big bills) and the DM to IL1.33. There were indications that the prices would rise, especially the DM, since it was in unusually high demand yesterday (the above prices refer to those the "brokers" will pay for these currencies: if you are going to buy, you will have to pay about two agora more — or as much as "the market can bear" if you don't know the tricks of haggling).

On the stock market, prices slipped slightly for stocks, and for index-linked bonds. Dollar-linked bonds were firm.

The turnover in bonds was IL1,666,100. The turnover in stocks was IL475,400. Of this, IL63,500 was in the variables. There was no trading in the investment dollar.

Otzar Tassiya (1,000) gained 0.5 to 168.5; Bank Leumi (12,300) lost 0.5; Delek (6,900) lost 1.5; Shemen (5,800) lost two and Israel-British Bearer (3,100) lost one to stand at 147.5.

The general index of share prices fell by 0.44 per cent to stand at 150.95.

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LINKED TO THE DOLLAR		
5% Dead Sea Junior	197.1	197.1
5% Electric Corp. Tranche A	125.5	—
5% Electric Corp. Tranche B	125.6	—
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Capital and Investment)		
Mlive Klita 1965	163.9	163.7
Bitahon 1968	132.2	132.2
Bitahon 1969	125.2	125.2
SHARES		
Electric Corp. — O.	56.5	56.5
Union Bank of Israel — O.	128	126.5
Otzar Hit. Hayehudim — O.S.	193.5	193.5
I.D.B. Co. — O.	148	148
Gen. Mortgage Bank — O.	147.5	147
Pal.-British Bank — O.	155	147.5
Israel Discount Bank — "A" O.	304	305.5
Mizrachi Bank Ltd. — O.	137	137
Carmel Mort. & In. Bk. — "O"	115	115
Bank Leumi — "A" O.S.	239	238.5
Mg. & In. Bk. for Bldg.—"D" O.	102.5	102.5
Bank Hapoalim — 10% P.O.	212.5	212.5
Industrial Dev. Bk. — 8% P.O.	84.5	84.5
Develop. & Mortg. Bank - O.T.	190	190
Housing Mortg. Bank — O.	139.5	141.5
S.U.S.-Rassco — O.	86	86
Israel Cent. Tr. & Inv.	134.5	132
Hassneh Insurance Co. — O.	130	119.5
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL1	104.5	103.5
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL10	57.5	57
Tefahot Isr. Mor. Bank 8% P.O.	142	142.5
Tefahot Is. Mortg. Bank — O.	139	138.5
Sahar — "C" O.	95	94
Azorim — O.	87.5	87.5
Africa-Pal. Investment—O. IL10	153	151.5
Israel Land Dev. Co. — O.R.	116	116
Isr. Land Dev. Co. — 60/61 O.T.	117.5	117
I.C.P. Israel Citrus Plant—O	56.5	55.5
Property & Build. Corp. — O.	132	132
Mehadrin	146.5	146
Pri Or Ltd.	134.5	134.5
Anglo-Israel Investors — O.	96.5	96.5
Rassco — 8% P.O.T.	56	56
Rassco — O.	37.5	37
Isras	76	72
Neot Aviv — O.	39.5	39
Alliance — B.T.	650	649
"Elco" Isr.El.-Mech. In.—O.T.	88.5	88.5
"Argaman" — 8% P.O.T.	181	180.5
"Ata" — "C" O.	108	108
Motor House — O.	51.5	50.5
Dubek — 8% P.O.T.	180	177
Cold Stor. & Supp. Co.—O. IL10	100	100
Elect. Wire & Cable Co. — O.	122	120.5
Solel Boneh — 10% "A" P.O.	118	118
Lighterage Supply Co. — O.	75	73.5
Chemicals & Phosphates — O.	56	56
Lewin Epstein — 8% P.O.T.	60.5	60.5
Moller Textile — O.	124	127.5
Nechushtan — 8% P.O.T.	142.5	142.5
Teva — O.T.	767	765
Phonecia — 8% P.O.T.	65	64
Paper Mills — O	179	178.5
Assis "B" — O.	180.5	180.5
Shemen 8% — P.O.T.	76	74
"Tnal" Man. of Plywood — O.	115	113
Delek "C" — O.	116.5	115
Elgar — O.	58.5	58.5
Ellern Invest. Co. — O.	129	129
Bank Hapoalim Inv. Co. — O.	139	138
Export Bank Inv. Co. — O.	45.5	45
Paz Investment Develop. — O.	69	69
Ampa Investment — O.	79.5	79.5
Discount Bank Inv. Cor. — O.T.	163	163
Japhet Bank Invest. Co. — O.	130	130
Bank Leumi Invest. C. — O.	180.5	179.5
Foreign Trade Invest. C. — O.	63.5	63.5
Mizrahi Inv. Corp. — O.	112	112
Hapoel Hamizrahi Inv. Co.—O.	39.5	39.5
"Piryon" Inv. Trust—"B" Sh.	51.2	50
Clal Isr. Inv. Co. — O.	101	100
Naphtha — O.T.	65	63.5
Lapidot — O.	126	123

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Timna sale of Eilat stones hit as illegal; thefts cited

By SHEILA MELTZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — A flourishing black market in Eilat stone, thefts from the Timna copper mines and the unlicensed manufacture of jewellery came to light Sunday as a result of Timna Copper Mines' surprise announcement of a public auction of gemstones in Tel Aviv this Friday.

The announcement has shocked the country's dozen licensed purchasers of Eilat stone, the raw material used to produce the famous green Eilat jewellery. They are up in arms at what they claim is Timna's contravention of a 1965 allocation agreement, worked out by the Ministry of Development's Controller of Mines. According to this agreement, only holders of special licences are permitted to buy the material from the country's sole supplier — Timna — at prices controlled by the Ministry.

Timna, on the other hand, claims that collecting the stones is not only a money-losing operation, but the prices they must be sold for, according to the allocation agreement, are completely unrealistic, and nowhere approach the prices they command on the "markets" in Tel Aviv. According to Mr. Uri Wurzburger, managing director of Timna, the decision to hold three public auctions was the desire "to learn once and for all the real market value of the stones," and the decision to hold the sales was made only after the firm's request to raise its prices was turned down by the Controller of Mines, Mr. S. Parnes.

Explaining the stand of the licensed purchaser, Mr. Haim Miller, owner of the Azorit Company in Eilat and the largest processor of Eilat stone, said: "The manufacturers were prepared to pay Timna a higher price, but the company was not prepared to give them a specific price." He said that for some time now there has been a shortage in the supply of Eilat stone. Nevertheless, stones were circulating in Tel Aviv, at highly inflated prices, coming from two sources — licensed holders who no longer process it, and stones stolen from the mines.

Questioned about the thefts, Mr. Wurzburger admitted he could not deny there was stealing from the mines but it was a condition that could not be completely eliminated. On the other hand, he intimated that even some of the licensed purchasers themselves were selling part of their allocations to unlicensed stone polishers, operating here and in the north, who are prepared to pay the black market prices.

Mr. Miller flatly rejected this suggestion, explaining that his factory, equipped with the most up-to-date machinery, could employ 71 workers if he could get enough raw material, but the shortage of raw materials was limiting him to only 45 workers. Sales to speculators, he said, could lead to the closure of his plant altogether by inflating the price of the semi-precious stones and pricing it right off the market.

Meanwhile the licensed purchasers have joined forces, and have decided to boycott the auctions. They say they may take legal action against Timna.

FOOD PARCELS arriving in Hungary by mail from the Near East — including Israel — are being destroyed by postal authorities there for fear they may be contaminated with cholera, according to the Ministry of Communications.

Petition against new Lod runway

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A petition signed by 322 heads of families from Beit Dagon, protesting against the opening of a new runway at Lod Airport, has been submitted to the authorities. The petition states that, if the signatories do not receive a favourable reply, they "will be forced to take legal action."

The inhabitants of Beit Dagon claim that the noise of the planes on the new runway (number 08-26) will endanger their health and make their lives intolerable. It is up to the authorities either to find them alternative housing, or to compensate them for leaving their present homes in order to move elsewhere.

Belgians leave after talks on cultural ties

LOD AIRPORT. — A group of nine Belgians left here for home Sunday after meetings with Israeli officials on cultural relations between the two countries in the next two years.

The Belgian group was led by Mr. S. M. Werck, who is in charge of international cultural relations in the Belgian Foreign Ministry. For Israel, the talks were conducted by Mr. Elad Peled, Director-General of the Education and Culture Ministry. Also participating for Israel were representatives of the Foreign Affairs Ministry and the National Council for Research and Development.

The next meeting of the two nations' representatives will be held in Brussels in 1973. *(Itim.)*

On trial for killing soldier

LYDDA. — A military court here is trying the case of Zailah Kassem Ayada, 19, of Kafr Arraba, who is accused of killing a soldier.

On May 6 this year Tural Rishon Hillel David was ordered with several other soldiers to clear members of the Sawaid Beduin tribe in the Lower Galilee out of an army firing range, into which they had strayed with their flocks. Before the soldiers reached the Beduin, they ran into an ambush in which T/R David was killed.

The prosecution claims that David was hit by eight bullets, some of them from a distance of only 50 cms., as he was lying on the ground. It is claimed that Ayada was a member of a Fatah group which ambushed the soldiers after infiltrating from Lebanon. His five companions escaped over the frontier after the incident, but he was apprehended after hiding out for some time in Israel.

The verdict will be handed down on December 23. *(Itim.)*

Road toll higher than last year

TEL AVIV. — A total of 570 persons have lost their lives on the roads, and 3,232 were severely injured, since the beginning of the year, the National Council for the Prevention for Road Accidents reports. The corresponding figures for 1970 were 470 killed and 2,872 injured, an increase of 100 and 360 respectively. *(Itim.)*

Sen. Kennedy praises medical services here

Senator Edward Kennedy has sent a letter to Dr. V. Torok, Health Officer for the Southern District, in Beersheba, praising medical services given to Beduin tribes.

The Senator says, in part: "During my visit two months ago I was deeply impressed by the various bodies rendering medical services. These services are given in a human and efficient manner, from which America can learn a lesson. I plan to report my impressions to my Senate colleagues." *(Itim.)*

Labour should drop ministers, says N.R.P. unit

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The influential younger leadership of the National Religious Party has urged the party to support the co-option of Rav-Aluf Haim Bar-Lev and Mr. Yitzhak Rabin to the Cabinet — on condition that the Alignment drop two of its ministers to make room for them.

According to N.R.P. sources here, the younger politicians feel that the Cabinet should not be enlarged, nor should the coalition balance be upset. They say that since the Alignment has exhausted its "quota" of 14 ministers (under the existing formula of one minister for every four Knesset seats), it should drop two of its ministers if Bar-Lev and Rabin are co-opted.

Mrs. Miriam Sacher (centre), honorary president of British Wizo, cuts the ribbon of the new Wizo Club in Jerusalem, which was named in her honour yesterday morning. Looking on at left is Mrs. Carmel Webber, president of British Wizo, after whom a lecture hall in the club was named. At right is Jerusalem Post reporter Susan Bellos. The new building cost IL25,000.

WALL STREET — Closing Monday, Nov. 22, 1971

N.Y. stocks fall in slow trading

The market was off sharply in quiet trading. Brokers continue to note a general lack of confidence in the stock market. They say investors are wary about "Phase Two" despite some indications that the economy is picking up strength.

Because of the outlook for a stronger economy next year, analysts say the market's longer term outlook is favourable, though many acknowledge that it will take a change in investors' psychology to get the market advancing again.

The number of shares traded amounted to 11,370,000, as declining issues led advancing over 1,056 to 314. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 7.52 points and closed at 803.15.

Addressogr.	37¾	Dupont	133¾	Litton Ind.	19	RCA	32
Aguirre	7¾	East. Airlns	16¼	Lockheed	8½	Rep. Steel	18¾
Alcoa	38	Ekodak	84¾	Loews	37¾	Reynolds T.	51¾
Amer. Can.	30	Fair Cam.	19⅛	Marcor	27½	Sears Roe.	91¾
Amer. Mot.	7	Fur Hill	8¼	Maremont	22⅞	Solit. Dev.	9¼
Ampex	11¾	Fd. Nt. Mtg	70⅞	Martin Mar.	17	Sperry Rnd	24¼
Amer.R & D	44	1st Ch. Fin.	24¼	McCrory	24⅛	Stonj	69
Amer. T.& T.	41⅝	Ford Mot.	63½	McCul. Oil	25¾	Syntex	70
Anaconda	13½	Gen. Bat.	14⅝	McDon-D.	27¾	Teledyne	15½
Atlantic Rich.	56¾	Gen. Elec.	55⅞	Miles Lab.	38¼	Telex Corp.	8¾
Asamera	10½	G. Fs. Corp.	32⅛	Minn. MM	118⅞	Texas Gulf	11¾
Avco	12¾	Gen. Instr.	14¾	Monsan.	43¼	Texas Instru.	103⅞
Bausch & L.	133¾	Gen. Mot.	76	Motorola	71¾	Time Inc.	53⅛
Beth. Stl.	33¾	Gillette	36¼	Murphy Ind.	6⅞	Transamerica	14⅞
Boeing Co.	14¾	Glen Alden	8½	Natomas	45¼	Transwair	33½
Borroughs	127⅛	W. R. Grace	25⅛	Occ. Pet. C.	19	U.N. Carbide	40½
Brunswick	32	G. W. Fin.	25	Olin Corp.	15⅛	US Smelting	19½
Celanese	67½	Homest.Minn.	32	Otis Elev.	36¾	Unit. Aicrft	34¾
Chrysler	35¾	IBM	291¾	Pac. Petr.	28¾	US Steel	35½
Coca-Cola	104½	Int. Paper	39¼	Panam WA	11¼	Westg. Elec	84¾
Comsat	53	Int. T & T	47½	Penn-Centrl.	4¾	Witco. Chem	26½
Cont. Data	35	Itek Corp.	30½	Pennziol Un.	19¼	Woolworth	45⅝
Cr. Wright	10¾	Kenn. Copper	30¼	Phil. Petro.	27¾	Xerox Co.	105¾
Daylin	18¼	Lilly & Co.	51¼	Polaroid	86	Zapata	23¾
Dow. Chem.	66¾	Ling T. Vght	7⅞	Raytheon C.	31	Zenith Rad.	37¾

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Property compensation bill for E. Jerusalemites readied

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro is expected to submit to the Knesset next month an amended version of the Absentees' Property Bill, 1971, which will enable East Jerusalemite Arabs to receive compensations for their immovable property in Israel.

The draft bill was originally submitted to the Cabinet last June and was due to be brought before the Knesset in October. But reaction to the bill, especially in Arab quarters, led to further studies which Mr. Shapiro has been conducting in cooperation with a number of leading Arab attorneys.

The text of the new version has not yet been made public. But one East Jerusalemite lawyer termed the changes in the original text as "tremendous concessions" by the Government. He implied that the bill, in its new version, would bring about a settlement of the East Jerusalemites' claims on property they owned in Israel before the establishment of the State, especially in West Jerusalem. The lawyer would not elaborate.

However, indications were that the amendments mainly affected the manner of compensation. In the original draft claimants were to be paid in non-negotiable Government bonds to be discharged annually over a period of 20 years beginning in 1975. An interest of 5.5% was to be paid on the bonds and compensation was to be fixed at 125 per cent of the assessed value of the property, for property tax purposes, on November 29, 1947. The figure thus arrived at would have been multiplied by 8.4 to raise the sum to the extent to which the Israel pound has depreciated in comparison with the pound sterling since November 1947.

The key feature of the new amendments appears to be valuation of the property as it stood in 1956 and not 1951, when the valuation was based on the recommendations of U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission expert John Berncastle, a Briton who previously served as chief valuer of the British Mandatory Government. Furthermore, the Israel pound in 1956 would reportedly be considered for the purpose of compensation as equivalent to the sterling.

Meanwhile, the new valuation under the new version of the draft bill to be submitted to the Knesset will considerably increase the originally estimated sum of $100m. to cover the compensation for an estimated 10,000 claimants from East Jerusalem.

A reliable source said that the Treasury, which will be handling the compensation claims with the assistance of a consultative committee to be appointed by the Minister of Finance, is already exploring possibilities of foreign aid, especially from the U.S.

Gov't to double IL8m. grant to Jerusalem Municipality

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality, which has been getting an annual IL8m. grant from the Government since the Six Day War to finance municipal operations in East Jerusalem, will be getting double that amount beginning next fiscal year.

The new annual payment of IL16,150,000 was agreed upon after a year's calculations by a team composed of representatives from the Municipality and the Ministries of Finance and Interior. It is based upon the value of property in East Jerusalem prior to the Six Day War.

The Municipality has been seeking the revised system of payment ever since the Government instituted the IL8m. grant after the war. Mayor Teddy Kollek contended that instead of a grant the city was entitled to receive payment based on the value of property in the areas newly added to the Municipality.

Under a law instituted just prior to the Six Day War, payment of property tax in Israel no longer went to local authorities but to the Government. In turn, the Government paid the local authority a certain percentage of the total taxes it collected, including income tax. The Jerusalem Municipality claimed that it should receive such payment based on what the property tax in East Jerusalem would have been had it been part of the Municipality when the new law went into effect in April, 1967.

Municipal Treasurer Yosef Uzieli said last night that calculations were made on the basis of sales deeds and other documents in East Jerusalem dating from that period.

The increase of IL8m. will be a welcome addition to the municipal budget which this year totals IL113m.

Mr. Uzieli said that property tax being paid in East Jerusalem does not yet amount to IL16m. but that other taxes, especially income tax, bring the total taxes paid over that figure.

The Ministries of Interior and Finance also agreed to provide the Municipality with a special IL2m. development budget for East Jerusalem.

Austrian visas given for 'humane reasons'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Austrian Embassy in Moscow issues visas to Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel, enabling them to pass through Vienna. This is done "for humanitarian reasons" and on the tacit understanding that the emigrants will not stay in Austria, the Charge D'Affaires of the Austrian Embassy in Israel, Dr. Karl Weber, told the press here yesterday.

He said that the Austrian Interior Ministry was anxious that the emigrants do not stay in the country, "because we have a big refugee problem."

Dr. Weber, who was the guest of the Haifa Journalists Association, also answered questions on relations between his country and Israel. He noted that trade had been steadily growing. In 1965 Austria exported 133 million schillings (over $5 million) worth of products to Israel and Israel exported 97 million schillings to Austria. Last year's total was 244 million schillings (about $10m.) in Austrian exports and 243 schillings in Israeli exports to Austria.

This year, following the revaluation of the Austrian currency and Israel's import surcharges, Austrian exports had dropped off somewhat, while Israeli sales to Austria had grown, and the trade balance had been favourable to Israel. Austria's exports to Israel were mainly manufactured and semi-manufactured goods, machinery, microscopes, wood and minerals, while it had bought mainly citrus fruit from Israel.

In the cultural relations field, he noted that Professor Kurt Schubert, head of the Judaica Department of the University of Vienna, is now in Israel to give three lectures on Religious Disputes between Jews and Christians in the Middle Ages and Jewish Religious Sites in Austria.

The artistic director of the Vienna State Opera, Professor Marcel Prawy, will also be lecturing on the work of the Opera in the country. A two-man delegation from the Municipality of Vienna is arriving to discuss holding an exhibition on the Municipality in Jerusalem next May. Furthermore there are quite regular youth exchanges between the two countries and in 1970 a total of 15,000 Israeli tourists had visited Austria.

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Large group of immigrants arrives

LOD AIRPORT. — A large group of Russian immigrants arrived here by El Al yesterday, and an expanded detail of Absorption Ministry workers was on hand to rush them to immigrant's centres throughout the country. The newcomers hail from Kiev, Riga, Kovno, Chernovitz, Tashkent, Tbilisi and Munkacz.

In Jerusalem, the Government Press Office yesterday released the text of a letter sent by a group of Russian Jews in Vilna, Kaunas and Riga to U.N. Secretary-General U Thant and President Zalman Shazar.

In the letter, they write "... We refuse to submit to the present policy of (others) deciding the Jewish question for us... This would be national suicide at a time when our people have been resurrected in Israel after two thousand years of suffering in exile... We want to live a full national life in our own homeland, just as other peoples of the world live...

"One cannot solve the Jewish problem by stating that the question does not exist ... every Jew must decide by himself and for himself ... We demand that the gates that have unlawfully been closed be opened and that we be given the opportunity to leave the country which has not been able to give our people its right to a normal national life, a right granted, to a greater or lesser degree, to other national groups within the U.S.S.R." *(Itim)*

Hillel at parley for Syrian Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Israel's attention has shifted to the Jews of Syria," Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said yesterday, at a protest meeting here against Syria's persecution of its Jews.

"Immediately after the Six Day War our first concern was the fate of our brethren in Egypt and Iraq. Now our attention has shifted to Syria."

Israel's efforts in the other Arab countries did not remain fruitless, the Minister said; and even "sadistic Syria," which was thought immune to public outcry, is showing signs of reacting. Syrian ambassadors in many countries are hard-pressed to explain their country's stand, he added.

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Professionals' wage claims to go to P.M.

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir promised a delegation of the Professionals Coordinating Committee that he will bring their claim for rectification of wage differentials before Prime Minister Golda Meir.

During an hour-long meeting at Mr. Sapir's office in Jerusalem yesterday, the representatives of 35,000 professional people pressed their demand for a 17 per cent wage rise to restore the differential between their incomes and those of other wage-earners.

A proposal by Civil Service Commissioner Ya'acov Nitzan to set up another committee to study the issue was turned down by the professionals as "hardly appropriate" after close to 18 months of negotiations on the issue.

At the conclusion of the meeting the professionals said they were prepared to wait a reasonable time to hear the Prime Minister's stand on the subject, before taking further action.

J'lem industry demands better wages, benefits

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Industrial workers in Jerusalem intend making demands for substantial improvements in their wages and social benefits when they open negotiations with their employers on the new labour agreements due to come into force in January. This emerged from a meeting yesterday of the heads of the various trade unions at the Jerusalem Labour Council, called to discuss their stance prior to the negotiations.

All of the speakers were unanimous in their belief that, unless there is a sizeable improvement in the wages and working conditions of those employed in industry in the Capital, it will prove impossible to attract additional workers to this field. This, they stressed, will ultimately lead to a slowdown in economic development.

Economists urge more defence cuts

Prof. Don Patinkin of the Hebrew University last night urged drastic cuts in the defence budget and criticized Defence Minister Moshe Dayan for having claimed that contributions by American Jewry make up for part of the increasing defence burden.

Speaking at a symposium at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Prof. Patinkin said that if defence imports would be properly calculated, the defence budget would account for about 30 per cent of the G.N.P.: Dr. Michael Bruno demanded that the money saved from defence cuts should be used for investments to broaden the country's basic economic structure.

Employers want nat'l wage scheme; Histadrut opposed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Employers' organizations prefer a national wage scheme to specific arrangements in individual plants, or even in separate trades, Mr. Moshe Levi, chairman of the Labour Relations Committee of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, told the press here yesterday.

"Income tax takes care of extra profits, anyhow — and where profits are real, they should serve to reduce market prices," Mr. Levi said.

The Histadrut is expected to insist on separate negotiations in different trades.

Later this week, the first meeting between the employers and the Histadrut should be held to outline the general premises of both sides. The employers, Mr. Levi said, do not have a draft proposal of their own. Their basic premise is that they oppose a "substantial" rise in wages, because it would undermine the economy. The idea the Treasury has offered of reducing certain taxes was preferable to wage hikes, Mr. Levi believed.

Moscow press shunned singer

TEL AVIV. — A noted Russian singer who recently arrived in this country as an immigrant was yesterday the guest of honour at a reception given by the Tel Aviv Journalists Association.

Michael ("Misha") Alexandrovich, who is also a cantor, disclosed that his concerts were reviewed only once in the Soviet press despite the fact that he had appeared in some of the U.S.S.R.'s most noted concert halls and had been awarded several medals, including the Stalin Prize. He said that when Soviet authorities learned he was officiating at religious services they told him an artist should not be connected with religion.

Haifa responds to 'Post' prodding for bus bays

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The City Executive yesterday decided to go ahead immediately with the construction of bus bays and a pedestrian crossing with lights in Derech Ben-Yehuda, at one of the city's worst accident spots. The work, which will include bus bays on both sides of the busy highway, will cost about IL50,000.

The Jerusalem Post published an article about the lack of such bays last Friday, noting that the police and the Transport Ministry had been pressing the Municipality to carry out the work.

Allon says Hebron college will be opened soon

By ASHER WALLFISH, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yigal Allon said yesterday that the first class of 15 students would soon start their course at the Islamic Studies College in Hebron. Hebron Mayor Sheikh Muhammad Ali Jaabari had sought and received Ministerial approval and support, at a meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, the Education Minister said, replying to parliamentary questions in the Knesset from Messrs. Uri Avneri (Ha'olam Hazeh), Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre) and Yosef Tamir (Gahal).

Mr. Allon said that the *numerus clausus* in Arab universities for students from the administered areas prevented many of them from getting higher education — and this at a time when the demand was growing among young Arabs in the areas. But the State of Israel could not impose the establishment of an Arab university, and the West Bank notables had not yet made up their minds, although they already had been promised permission via the Military Government.

The Israeli authorities had also agreed, that if an Arab university were set up in the areas, the necessary money could come from independent Arab sources here, and friendly sources overseas.

Mr. Allon said there was a possibility that the four-year college in Hebron might eventually add courses in the humanities, or that a similar college might open in another West Bank town.

The Minister told Mr. Tewfik Toubi (New Communists) that the Higher Education Council would shortly establish a committee of scientific and administrative experts to decide whether this country needed an additional medical school.

He told Dr. Meir Avizohar (State List) that 5,000 applicants for university entrance were not accepted last autumn, and another 4,000 who were accepted failed to show up for studies.

He told Mr. Shalom Cohen (Independent) that he would shortly set up a high level committee to study criteria for college tuition fee levels in the 1972-73 academic year.

N.R.P. supports girl volunteer programme

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The National Religious Party came out last night in strong support of the present volunteer scheme to organize Orthodox girls excused from the Army for national duties. It urged as many such Orthodox girls as possible to follow those who had already joined Rabbanit Rachel Neriya's scheme, begun several months ago, to help in educational, health, welfare, and immigrant absorption projects.

Representatives of the N.R.P. Central Committee and its Knesset faction, meeting in Beit Meir in Jerusalem, made this support conditional on the scheme being run as a religious public organization, and not by the Government. They accused Orthodox elements further to the right, like the Aguda (without naming them), of vilifying the scheme and its sponsors, and of descending to the level of hooligans at times.

Demonstration against call-up of girls

About 200 ultra-Orthodox demonstrated in front of the Prime Minister's office yesterday in support of Rabbi Zakai Barzani. The rabbi is engaged in a hunger strike to protest the call-up of his daughter for army service.

Police attempted to disperse the demonstrators, who were blocking the approach to the parking lot at the Prime Minister's office. When the demonstrators refused, reinforcements were called, including men on horseback and men equipped with helmets and protective shields. The demonstrators threw stones at the police. Eight arrests were made.

The demonstration was unlawful since no permit had been applied for. *(Itim)*

N.R.P. to meet on religion and state

TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party Central Committee will on Thursday consider questions of religion and state, in view of rising pressure from religious extremists and public revulsion of their persecution of pathologists.

The party's younger leadership circle will raise the matter in the wake of its recent discussion, in which one of its leaders, Mr. Moshe Ishon, warned that "Israel is being threatened by Natorei Cartaism, just as America was threatened by McCarthyism. These bigots are waging a campaign of terrorism, especially against the country's spiritual leaders."

Mr. Ishon blamed his own party for lacking the courage to stand up against the fanatics. "In the past our movement achieved leadership because we stood up to the Natorei Carta. Now our party leaders kowtow to them. We have to move lest these fanatics push the nation into a *Kulturkampf* and ruin the bridge between the various sections of the nation."

Warhaftig censures attack on rabbi

Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig yesterday urged a rabbinical court judge to "carry on with your holy work" after he was beaten up by radical *yeshiva* students in Bnei Brak. The *dayan* was reportedly roughed up for refusing to sign a leaflet opposing volunteer national service by Orthodox girls.

In his wire, the text of which was released by the Government Press Office, Dr. Warhaftig states: "All who respect the Tora and the Rabbinate must object to acts that bring a bad name to religion. Carry on with your holy work of serving in the rabbinical court and spreading the word of the Law." *(Itim)*

Telephone fees may rise IL200

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Ministry of Communications is planning to raise telephone installation fees by IL200, from the present IL450 to IL650. The step is being considered as a way of raising IL10m. for the telephone services in view of the Treasury's intention to cut the Ministry's development budget by 50 per cent.

If the Treasury does halve the Ministry's proposed development budget of over IL110m., it would mean a virtual stoppage of all development projects in the telephone services, sources in the Ministry said. It was not known whether there was any intention of raising the charges for telephone calls, though this would be an obvious source of substantial additional funds.

There is a distinct possibility of increased charges for most post office services if the Ministry seeks to offset the Treasury cuts by raising its own income.

Avneri charges Dayan digs illegally

New controls proposed for antiquities dealers

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Dealers in antiquities will have their sales to foreigners more strictly controlled, and will have to keep an inventory of all the antiquities they have for sale, under a new amendment to the Antiquities Ordinance moved to the Knesset's Education Committee on the first reading yesterday.

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yigal Allon said that the authorities responsible for archaeological work had to fight to protect antiquities from ravages. He mentioned Court orders served about destruction in Meron, Tiberias, Hatsor and Migdal, but complained that the fines for contravention were not high enough to deter offenders.

Mr. Uri Avneri (Ha'olam Hazeh) caused a stir in the House when he accused Defence Minister Moshe Dayan of systematically contravening the Antiquities Law by illegal digs. As a result, he charged, the Minister had become one of the country's biggest traders in antiquities. He digs without hindrance anywhere in Israel or the administered territories, he said.

Mr. Avneri said that one expert had told him that the Minister's private collection was worth IL3m. Big Tel Aviv hotels were selling antiquities, with a testimonial attached signed by Mr. Dayan, attesting that they came from his own collection. He said there was no moral basis for applying the law against other offenders, if the Defence Minister were not included.

Speaker Reuven Barkatt found it his duty to jump to Mr. Dayan's protection, and interrupted, saying that the charges had not been checked. Mr. Avneri replied that he had checked them himself.

To this, Mr. Allon replied that he did not believe any Minister would contravene the laws, save inadvertently.

The Knesset also moved to the Public Services Committee an amendment to the Medical Practitioners Ordinance, governing the conditions whereby the Health Ministry grants licences to doctors. The amendment covers the problem of doctors arriving in Israel without documents, or with degrees from medical schools whose standards require investigation. It also makes it possible for the Ministry to compel doctors suspected of mental disturbances to take a psychiatric examination, which could result in their licences being suspended.

In the debate, after Rabbi Menahem Porush (Agudat Israel) followed his condemnation of attacks on pathologists with a plea to stop all autopsies not agreed to by the family, Health Minister Victor Shemtov called his condemnation "not genuine." Mr. Shemtov said that "base medieval fanatics were making an assault on 20th-century Israel." They were a "mad group" whose very activities were a "pathological symptom," the Minister said.

Spas criticize supervision bill

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Spa Tourism Bill, for the setting up of a government authority to control mineral bath centres, came in for criticism from representatives of several centres at a meeting of the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday.

Representatives from Tiberias, the (Dead Sea) Tamar regional council and Ein Gedi claimed that the bill, while aiming at supervision of the spas, would also enable the proposed authority to run its own spa centres at the expense of the existing ones. They approved of the idea of a central government agency supervising and promoting development of the spas, but wanted the bill amended so as to preclude a "conflict of interest" between the agency and the supervised spas.

Tourism and Health Ministry officials explained to the committee the need for the bill in the interests of health and development of tourism. Deputy Tourism Minister Yehuda Sha'ari announced that he would reply to the criticism at the Committee's next meeting.

Bnei Brak dairy fined as unclean

TEL AVIV. — Pigeons on the roof yesterday figured in the trial of a Bnei Brak dairy for operating under faulty sanitary conditions. The Kfir Dairies was fined IL400 after two consumers reported finding mould in the firm's cheese, as well as for the following: spider webs on the walls, dirty walls and floors, no soap or paper in the lavatories and allowing pigeons to congregate on the roof.

Ashkelon hotelier Haim Haimson dies at 49

ASHKELON. — Ashkelon is mourning the death of one of its most prominent citizens, Haim Haimson, who died yesterday of a heart attack while visiting Jerusalem. He was 49.

A native of Hebron, Haimson came here 18 years ago as director of postal services and eventually became operator of the Ashkelon Hotel. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

C'ttee to review Autocars guarantee

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Bowing to a special request from Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday announced it would "re-examine" a Treasury request to allocate IL12m. as a State guarantee for a loan to the court-appointed receivers of the bankrupt Autocars Company. Last week, the Committee turned down the Treasury request and approved only IL3m. for the purpose.

The Committee yesterday approved State guarantees for credits of up to IL112.5m. for the Citrus Marketing Board for the 1971-72 citrus season. The credits will be used to finance purchase of packing materials, granting advance payments for cultivation of groves, overseas storage, and shipments of citrus to Eastern Europe.

New press facilities

The Knesset authorities have taken note of the increasing interest shown by the foreign press corps in House debates, and created a permanent press room for their use.

Newspaper, radio and TV correspondents will be able to monitor the debates from their press room, which will open this afternoon for the first time when the House debates President Sadat's recent war threats.

Allon rejects Petah Tikva's Nat'l League bid

By PAUL KOHN, Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Pandemonium broke loose late last night at Maccabi's central committee meeting, when dozens of Petah Tikva Maccabi fans protested violently against a proposal by chairman Menahem Savidor to adopt a moderate course and to accept the club's fate to play this season in League A. The Petah Tikva fans said that such a move would mean the disbanding of their club. The Minister of Education, Mr. Yigal Allon, yesterday rejected the demand of Maccabi chairman Menahem Savidor to include Petah Tikva Maccabi in the National soccer league this season and so bring the number of teams in the top division to 17.

The Maccabi Central Committee was meeting last night to determine its stand, to be followed by a meeting of the Petah Tikva Maccabi management. Petah Tikva Maccabi was scheduled to play Kiryat Shmona Hapoel today in a League "A" fixture postponed from last Saturday.

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Jerusalem	91	9—14	8—12
Golan	80	9—16	8—21
Nahariya	47	13—21	13—20
Safed	68	10—14	8—12
Haifa	—	— —	13—18
Tiberias	41	15—24	15—22
Nazareth	—	14—19	12—16
Afula	34	13—22	14—20
Shomron	47	13—16	10—18
Tel Aviv	46	14—20	13—18
Lod	22	13—20	12—19
Jericho	38	— 25	14—22
Gaza	47	— 20	13—18
Beersheba	32	10—20	10—20
Eilat	33	19—27	18—26
Tiran	31	18—27	18—26

DEPARTURES

Mr. Ze'ev Haring, M.K., for New York to join the Israel delegation at the 26th U.N. General Assembly (by El Al).

T.A. rush-hour jams caused by stoplight failure

By SARAH HONIG, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Traffic came to a complete standstill at the northern approaches to town during the morning rush hours yesterday, when all traffic lights in the main thoroughfares (Derech Haifa, Derech Petah Tikva) went out of order.

Shortly before six a.m., when Tel Aviv-bound traffic was at its heaviest, the traffic lights blacked out and the resultant confusion brought traffic to a total halt. Policemen, who arrived on the scene at about seven a.m., found long lines of waiting cars and nervous drivers, many of whom were already late for work. Reinforced teams of policemen and women started directing the traffic, but they only succeeded in clearing the tie-up by about eight a.m. — at which time the traffic lights were again in normal working order.

Informed sources told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the light failure resulted from an accident involving a high-tension pylon. The same sources added that an employee of the Israel Electric Corp. was seriously injured in the accident. The Corp. itself, nonetheless, denied that the cause of the breakdown was connected to any electrical failures.

Municipal officials also maintain that breakdowns in the city's traffic light system can be generally attributed to electrical failures. They point out that the same company which operates Tel Aviv's traffic light system also runs Jerusalem's and Haifa's systems, as well as many on the country's highways. The Municipality maintains that only a separate emergency generator for traffic lights can insure their proper functioning in cases of electrical failures.

Kollek invites three-faith U.S. mission to J'lem

GROSSINGER'S, N.Y. (INA). — Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday invited the Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith to send "a private mission of highly respected American leaders, representing the three faiths, to study and report objectively on the physical and spiritual development of Jerusalem as a united city."

Addressing a luncheon session at the 58th annual meeting of the League, Mr. Kollek said that "Jerusalem is open for all to come and see what we have done to safeguard the religious rights of Christians and Moslems, their holy places, and the aesthetic, spiritual, and historical character of the Holy City."

Mr. Kollek's invitation came on the heels of Israel's rejection of a November 17 of a U.N. Security Council resolution which called upon Secretary-General U Thant to send a U.N.-sponsored mission to check on housing and population policies of Jerusalem's Arab sector. The mission was to have consisted of representatives from Argentina, Italy and Sierra Leone.

BEHIND THE MEHITZA IN A HASSIDIC SHUL

What goes on behind the mehitza in a Hassidic shul in Williamsburg? Susy Rosengarten, who grew up in Williamsburg and now lives in B'nei B'rak, takes you behind the mehitza in a warm, reverent, charming tale, "Yom Kippur in Williamsburg." Much happens from the first hushed entrance of the worshippers until the final shofar blast, and it is not all prayer.

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